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1. MIDS: Mission

Dr Malcolm S. Adiseshiah and his wife Elizabeth Adiseshiah founded the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) in 1971 with the following objectives:

- To undertake studies and research pertaining to development problems with special reference to the agro-rural aspects of Tamil Nadu and the problems of the economically and socially backward sections of the population throughout the country.
- To conduct seminars and conferences on development problems and programmes of Tamil Nadu.
- To foster inter-university cooperation among the social scientists of the universities of the four southern states.
- To promote interdisciplinary research, and bring out publications relating to the above three functions.

In 1977, MIDS was reconstituted as a national institute jointly sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, and the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The research foci of the faculty are wide ranging from the concerns of development economics such as agriculture, rural development, industry, urbanisation and labour, to emerging interdisciplinary areas such as gender, environment, human development, social and political movements, and social criticism.

Through its seminars and workshops, MIDS has become a centre for critical thinking on development issues, relating to Tamil Nadu in particular and India in general. The services of faculty members are sought by state and central government departments, autonomous agencies, universities and colleges, non-government and international organisations.

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	Prof. **Ajit Menon**
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	Prof. **M. Vijayabaskar**
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	Dr **C. Lakshmanan**
	Dr **K. Sivasubramaniyan**
	Dr **Karen Coelho**
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5. Faculty Members and Areas of Research

K.L. Krishna, Chairperson	• Econometrics (Methodology and Applications); Industrial Economics; Economics of Productivity; Regional Inequality & Empirics of Trade.
Shashanka Bhide, Professor & Director	• Development issues covering agriculture, infrastructure development, rural housing, poverty dynamics and macroeconomic modelling.
D. Jayaraj, Professor/RBI Chair (Retired on 31-8-2017)	• Agricultural marketing; rural labour market; poverty studies and gender studies.
Ananta Kumar Giri, Professor	• Social movements and social transformation; social theory, criticism and creativity.
A.R. Venkatachalapathy, Professor	• Social history; cultural history and intellectual history.
Ajit Menon, Professor	• The political economy of natural resource use and environmental policy; decentralization and state-civil society dynamics; environmental history and agrarian transformation.
L. Venkatachalam, Professor RBI Chair (w.e.f. 28-2-2018)	• Environmental economics; ecological economics, behavioural economics and institutional economics
M. Vijayabaskar, Professor	• Industrial organisation; labour markets and their articulation with technological change and product market dynamics.
S. Anandhi, Professor (Associate Professor up to 11-10-2017)	• Gender; caste and identity politics.
K. Sivasubramaniyan, Associate Professor	• Agriculture; water management; irrigation; irrigation institutions; rural development; village studies; coastal environment management; pollution problems.

C. Lakshmanan, Associate Professor	• Political theory and culture; political economy; Dravidian politics; subordinated social groups/ movement; governance and film studies.
Kripa Ananthpur, Associate Professor	• Civil society and governance; local institutions; local governance; farmers' movements; and women's political participation in local governance.
Karen Coelho, Assistant Professor	• Urban anthropology, state reforms and urban water management.
M. Umanath, Assistant Professor	• Agricultural production; natural resource management; institutional arrangement for sustainable development.
Shesadri Banerjee, Assistant Professor	• Macroeconomic modelling; business cycles; inflation dynamics, fiscal and monetary policies; time series econometrics.
Krishanu Pradhan, Assistant Professor	• Public debt and fiscal sustainability; banking sector NPAs; macroeconomics; national accounts statistics.
A. Kalaiyarasan, Assistant Professor	• Labour markets and their link with poverty and inequality; regional political economy in India.
K. Jafar, Assistant Professor (w.e.f. 21-12-2017)	• Education and development; migration; financial inclusion; local planning; informality; IPRs and gender.

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7. Director's Report

7.1. Introduction

The challenges of sustainable development have become increasingly daunting. The expansion of the digital world into many aspects of our lives and work, influencing our ability to absorb massive information and the emergence of Artificial Intelligence offer many tools to deal with these challenges. The assessments of where we are on a range of sustainable development goals, however, point to the need for accelerating the efforts to achieve minimal levels of living standards for every human being. Whether it is water, air or land, ensuring adequate access to safe and sustainable supplies of these basic life-sustaining elements is yet to be fulfilled.

On a narrower but important metrics of some of the key economic indicators, such as rate of inflation and overall economic growth in 2017-18, the Indian economy reflected continued adjustments taking place in response to both internal and external factors. The overall GDP growth was slower in 2017-18 than in the previous year but encouraged by better performance in the last couple of quarters of the year, the expectations for 2018-19 have improved. The overall economic growth has been impressive in comparison to the performance of the other major economies of the world. But the need for more equitable spread of this growth has been highlighted in the strategies outlined in the annual budgets of the government of the centre and the states. The rural sector in the economy has received increased focus in the Union Budget for 2018-19, reflecting the need for improving the lagging income growth in agriculture substantially. The focus on raising manufacturing growth has continued through improving policy environment for businesses and infrastructure development. The average inflation rate for consumers remained at a lower level in 2017-18 than in the previous year, but with indications of rising prices in the coming months reflecting international trends. The concerns emerging from the global economic environment go beyond rising petroleum prices as

protectionist and counter-measures among the large trading economies would lead to deterioration in the prospects for international trade. The economic scene indicates the need for concerted steps to improve efficiencies in the domestic markets.

The performance of Tamil Nadu's economy has also been strong, with official estimates of growth of 9 per cent in 2017-18 and a projected growth of 9 per cent in 2018-19. However, because of the relatively stronger links of industry in the state with the global economy, growth prospects could be affected by the global environment.

At the institutional level, MIDS's research agenda has been influenced by public policy concerns, especially at the state level. Besides the research projects with immediate policy relevance, the institute's faculty have also been engaged in broader research areas relevant to understanding the longer-term development goals. The institute has actively sought engagement with other scholars and experts in reflecting on issues of societal concerns.

For MIDS, the year was marked by a significant augmentation to its faculty numbers as five Assistant Professors joined the institute filling the vacancies, taking the total number of faculty to 15. This development is expected to enhance the capacity of the institute in its multifaceted academic and research activities in the coming years. With the joining of Dr. M. Umanath (PhD from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore), Dr. Shesadri Banerjee (PhD from University of Durham, UK), Dr. Krishanu Pradhan (PhD from Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, University of Mysore), Dr. A. Kalaiyarasan (PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) and Dr. K. Jafar (PhD from National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, University of Manipal), the institute's ability to undertake new research, publish books and articles, conduct its PhD programme and participate in dissemination activities will significantly improve. The RBI Chair Professorship, which became vacant early in 2017-18 with the superannuation of the faculty holding this Chair, has now been filled by appointment of an internal faculty member on secondment basis.

MIDS benefited from the visits of a number of scholars and experts participating in its academic activities during the year. The institute hosted three short-term visiting fellows during the year. Krishna Kumar, Honorary Professor, Punjab University, formerly Professor at University of Delhi and Former Director, NCERT, New Delhi,

visited the institute in November 2017. Chandrasekhar Mallampalli, Professor of History at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California, visited MIDS in August 2017. Rohini Somanathan, Professor, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, visited MIDS in January 2018. Each of them delivered a public lecture and contributed to the Working Papers Series of the institute. The institute also hosted one scholar who spent her sabbatical leave period in the institute researching in her areas of specialisation and contributing to the academic activities. As in the past, the institute has also attracted a number of research affiliates during the year. Details of the visiting scholars are provided in sections 13.1 and 13.2 in this report.

A number of interesting research projects are under way in different areas. The projects demonstrate the diverse fields of social science disciplines in which the institute's faculty are working and also point to their extensive collaborations with other institutions. For instance, the panel survey of households in the state, a collaboration of the institute with the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Survey Research Centre, University of Michigan, is a unique initiative of the Government of Tamil Nadu to initiate a panel survey to understand the dynamics of development processes in the state. The project also aims to conduct interviews in this large-scale survey using tablets and computers rather than paper and pencils for data entry. The Government of Tamil Nadu, as a sponsor, covers all domestic costs of the project. The institute's faculty has also been engaged in a number of studies sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research, covering diverse areas such as irrigation, issues in urban development, tribal development, understanding climate change vulnerability, social and cultural history and social theory.

The dissemination and outreach programmes of the institute have included public seminars by faculty and visitors, public lectures by invited speakers, workshops and special half-day/ full-day meetings on specific topics. The annual Founder's Day Lecture, held on April 18 this year, the birthday of Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah, our Founder, was delivered by Prof. A. Vaidyanathan, a well-known scholar and former Director of MIDS. The public lectures by Visiting Fellows, invited under the short-term visiting fellowship programme of the institute, and other scholars have enriched the public events organised by the institute. The discussions on the annual Union Government Budget and the State Government Budget

have provided valuable opportunities to highlight the challenges facing the economy, development agenda and strategies to meet the challenges.

The institute also participated actively in the revived annual conference of 'Development Convention' of ICSSR institutes of the southern states, which was held for the first time in April 2018 after an interregnum of a few years. The conference was hosted by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru.

7.2. The PhD Programme

The PhD programme has been an integral part of the academic activities of the institute. In 2017-18, one student, Ms. B.S. Sumalatha, received the PhD degree and three students are awaiting results of evaluation of their thesis submitted to the university.

On an average, the institute has admitted 4-5 students each year, all with some kind of fellowship support. The ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowships are the source of financial support for most scholars admitted to the programme. The Elizabeth Adiseshiah Fellowship offered by the Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust provides support for two scholars at any point of time. Some scholars receive the UGC Junior Research Fellowships. The change in the tenure of ICSSR fellowship from three to two years in 2016-17 raised many challenges for the institute as the time taken by scholars to complete their research, without financial support, may get longer as they would have to find other sources of finance requiring a significant part of their working time to this effort. The uncertainty of financial support may also lead to dropouts from the programme. These considerations led to postponement of admissions to the PhD programme by the institute. It has been proposed to take up admissions in the coming year if the issues relating to financial support to the programme are resolved.

A list of students on the academic roll of the institute is provided in section 14.

7.3. Campus Improvements

The National Informatics Centre, Government of India, provided MIDS with the National Knowledge Network connectivity during the year, enhancing the broadband spectrum available on campus thereby increasing the speed of downloads and all internet communications.

The library's electronic resources expanded as the ICSSR provided access to a bouquet of journals and data sources.

The library's print collections were re-shelved, which helped us to verify our inventories and also dust the books/ journals.

Students and project staff were provided with new work place furniture during the year. The new desks are compact with adequate storage to keep books for immediate reference and have electrical points for laptops. Wi-fi access to internet in the work place has also improved facilities provided to scholars.

Water seepage in the campus buildings/ building walls was rectified and wherever necessary, walls were re-plastered.

7.4. Golden Jubilee of the Institute

The institute embarked on its journey of research and academic activities in 1971. Therefore, the academic year of 2019-20 (July-June) would be the Golden Jubilee Year of the institute. Founded by Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Adiseshiah, with a generous gift of the campus, funds and energies to build and nurture the institute, MIDS has developed into a well-known multi-disciplinary institute of social science research in the country. Recognised by ICSSR in 1977 as a national institute with equal financial support from the Government of Tamil Nadu, the institute's contributions in research and policy analysis have been significant. A number of scholars working in the institute have been widely recognised for their contributions. The institute has also established its academic credentials globally as it attracts many scholars to seek its affiliations to support their research in the region.

The Golden Jubilee will be an opportunity for the institute to celebrate its achievements and to put in place strategies for consolidating and expanding its capabilities for contributing to social science research and social and economic development of the country and, more specifically, the region where it is located. A Vision Document for the institute, prepared in 2016, forms the basis for strategies that would be adopted. An expanded capability of human resources, development of a range of infrastructure resources appropriate for the coming decades in terms of technology and collaborative research processes would form the pillars of support for the activities of the institution in the coming decades.

The plans for activities in the Golden Jubilee year, comprising publications, workshops, a conference, public lectures and new research initiatives will be put in place in the coming year.

The institute also proposes to host the 'Development Convention' conference in the year 2020.

7.5. Broad Areas of Faculty Research during 2017-18

7.5.1 Political Ecology and Political Economy of Agrarian Transformation

AJIT MENON, Professor

Over the last year Prof. Ajit Menon completed along with Professor Maarten Bavinck (University of Amsterdam) a study on coastal conflict *in Cuddalore*, looking in particular at how new claims on the coast had affected fishers and others. This was part of a larger project on coastal conflict which also included a study of Palghar District, Maharashtra, undertaken by D. Parthasarathy, IIT Bombay. They plan to write a comparative paper for *Economic and Political Weekly* on coastal conflict in the two states. Prof. M. Vijayabaskar and Prof. Menon are involved in a project with Dr. Saurabh Arora at the University of Sussex, U.K. and others on 'Pathways in and out of Poverty' which takes a relational agency approach to understanding agrarian change, building upon prior survey rounds in the same region (Arni, Tamil Nadu). Divya Sharma, a post-doc from University of Sussex, and V. Gajendran, Research Associate, have just completed six months of ethnographic fieldwork for this project and interviews are being transcribed.

The main researchers in the project team will be writing up some of this research over the next year. Prof. Menon has also been working with Dr. Nitin Rai of ATREE *on the political* ecology of tiger valuation in India and also on wider issues concerning the neoliberalisation of nature which they plan to continue with over the next year. Finally, he is working on an edited volume on the Politics of the Local and Natural Resource Dynamics with Prof. Satyajit Singh, Delhi University, and intends to start working on a book on the *Genealogies of Belonging: The Political Ecology of Conservation in Gudalur*.

7.5.2 Women's Studies, Gender, Caste and Social Development

S. ANANDHI, Professor

During the year Prof. Anandhi has mainly focused on completing the research project funded by ICSSR on "Re-centering Craft in Education". The project, which began by the end of 2016, is carried out by her along with Dr. Aarti Kawlra. They have so far completed the data collection and submitted two interim reports to ICSSR. This project so far has examined the educational experiments of Alfred Chatterton (1867-

1958) who was in charge of education and industries in the Madras Presidency for some time. A survey of the Annual Reports of the Madura Mission, Tanjore Mission and the protestant missionaries' engagement with craft and gender question in colonial Tamil Nadu has been completed. The educational work of Maria Montessori, James Cousins, Margaret Cousins, and Rukminidevi Arundale have been examined to see how craft work came to be formulated as an educational ideal. An advisory committee meeting to review the interim report took place in MIDS which has expressed full satisfaction on the progress of the work and the tentative analysis of the findings are now placed for discussion in various conferences and seminars.

Prof. Anandhi has been teaching a term at the Asian College of Journalism broadly on the theme of gender, culture and development. In addition, she has given a series of public lectures at various colleges and universities in Chennai.

She will continue with the next phase of the project on Craft in Education, which came to an end in August 2018. The second phase of the project work involves dissemination of research findings mainly as conference papers and journal articles. Towards this a few activities have been planned:

1. A panel discussion on "Manual or Mental? Discourses and Experiments in Education in Colonial South Asia" at the Association for Asian Studies in Asia held in New Delhi, July-5-8, 2018. Five research papers from South Asia including Prof. Anandhi's paper on 'Disciplining Caste Bodies: Missionaries and the Technical Training" were presented in this Panel, which is coordinated by Prof. Anandhi and Dr. Aarti Kawlra.

2. A Special issue of MIDS journal *Review of Development and Change* on "Craft and Education" will be co-edited by Prof. Anandhi and Dr. Aarti Kawlra. This work is likely to be completed by November 2018.

3. Editing of three theses to be submitted this year by three research scholars under her supervision (Ms. Deepa, Mr. Bharathidasan and Ms. Suriya) is under way.

4. British Academy – Leverhulme Small Research Grant Project proposal on "Investigating Young Girls' Transition into Work and Womanhood in Urban South India" in collaboration with Manchester Metropolitan University has been submitted and evaluation result is awaited.

5. Global Challenges Research Fund proposal – Gender and Social Reconfigurations in Urban Cities – Collaborative project with Manchester

Metropolitan University, is in the process.

7.5.3 Social Theory, Social Movements and Planetary Realisations

ANANTA KUMAR GIRI, Professor

Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri has continued his engagement with different dimensions of contemporary movements of ideas and social transformations. He continues his work on social theory, social movements, and new horizons of human development. He has authored a book of poems, *Weaving New Hats: Our Birth Days* and has edited and co-edited the following volumes:

- *Pathways of Creative Research: Towards a Festival of Dialogues*;
- *Cultivating Pathways of Creative Research: New Horizons of Transformative Practice and Collaborative Imagination*;
- *Research as Realization: Science, Spirituality and Harmony* (co-ed.);
- *The Aesthetics of Development* (ed.);
- *Beyond Cosmopolitanism: Towards Planetary Transformations* (ed.);
- *Beyond Sociology* (ed.);
- *Social Theory and Asian Dialogues: Cultivating Planetary Conversations* (ed.);
- *Practical Spirituality and Human Development*; and *Transformative Harmony* (ed.).

He is now nurturing a major ICSSR sponsored project, "Social Theory and Asian Dialogues: Cultivating Planetary Conversations". He visited, lectured and did research in Indonesia and the USA in April-June 2018.

7.5.4 Political Economy of Regional Development

JAFAR K, Assistant Professor

During June-December 2017, Dr. Jafar was part of teaching faculty at TISS Hyderabad and taught three courses in MA programmes (Development Studies, Rural Development & Governance, Women Studies and Education) and engaged in some joint-research on issues related to plantation economy, urban informal economy and labour market, and education of Denotified Tribes (DNTs) and Nomads.

After joining MIDS, he has continued working on some of these themes. The output of this work has been presented in two conferences and processed for publication.

At MIDS, he has been part of the research collaboration with UNICEF and the State Planning Commission that looks into Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood

Mission database for developing a registry for social protection in the state.

Currently, he is planning to focus on social protection in Tamil Nadu (as part of the potential project with UNICEF) in greater detail. He is also in communication with a team of researchers from Azim Premji University, Bangalore, as part of a larger research project on quality education for the marginalised and he is likely to take up one of the sub-themes that focuses on the educational experience of the minorities in the country.

In continuation of the ongoing works, he is reworking his post-doctoral research report as a research monograph in the coming year. He is also exploring the possibilities of other collaborative research initiatives with other MIDS faculty and outside that may help him in linking his research interests in the coming years.

A. KALAIYARASAN, Assistant Professor

During June-October 2017, Dr. Kalaiyarasan worked as a faculty at the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi. He worked on the impact of economic liberalisation on social inequality. He, along with Prof. Christophe Jaffrelot, CERI, Paris, has published the case studies on Jats, Patels and Marathas.

After joining MIDS, he has extended this analysis to include Muslims and other groups in south India. A part of this study was presented in a conference in Paris in June 2018. A draft of the paper on the theme is under review in the journal *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*.

In addition, he has worked on development processes in Tamil Nadu. He, along with Prof. Vijayabaskar, has prepared a proposal to document the processes and institutional interventions that enabled the state to achieve certain social outcomes.

Dr. Kalaiyarasan presented a paper on 'Making of Social Protection in Tamil Nadu' at India International Centre (IIC) in a conference on Dravidianism, Nationalism, Federalism: A Critical Assessment of 100 Years of Dravidian Moment organised by Ashoka University and Ambedkar University on January 3 and 4, 2018. He is working on a book chapter on the same theme. A shorter version of it has been published in the journal *Seminar*. In addition, he is also working on the growth trajectory of Tamil Nadu. How the state was able sustain growth along with good human development outcomes and also the problems with this model in recent times. He is aiming to submit a working paper and seminar on this theme in MIDS in 2018-19. He is also

consolidating his PhD work on Tamil Nadu into a longer monograph.

M. VIJAYABASKAR, Professor

Prof. Vijayabaskar has worked on political economy of regional development with a research focus on labour and land markets, industrial dynamics and rural-urban transformations as they are shaped by processes of marketisation and regional institutions.

His research in the recent years centres on the following:

One theme is the socio-economic dynamics of, and implications for self-employed economic actors under current growth regimes. Through this, he seeks to socially entrench value chain analysis that tends to otherwise neglect the role of regional institutions that shape outcomes for economic actors.

Another domain is on understanding the nature and implications of evolving rural land markets. A related research focus is on rural-urban labour linkages, flows and implications for economic mobility in a context of what has been referred to as a'de-agrarianizing' society. This also ties up with the changing dynamics of the urban economy, the informal economy in particular given the slowing down of labour absorption in the formal sector.

Over the last academic year, he has completed two research projects. The first, 'Impact of New Growth Strategies on Small and Medium Farmers in Tamil Nadu', was supported by ICSSR and carried out with Prof. Ajit Menon. The second was on 'Vulnerability, State and Social Protection in Tamil Nadu: A Lifecourse Perspective', supported by UNICEF for which he collaborated with Dr. Gayathri Balagopal, an independent researcher.

In addition to publishing papers on themes indicated above, he continues to undertake fieldwork and writing up of two project reports that were initiated in 2016-17, 'Towards a Relational Approach to Agency for Mapping Pathways Into and Out of Poverty' (with Ajit Menon, Saurabh Arora and Divya Sharma) and a collaborative research project that looks at youth in farming in a comparative perspective across six countries which is being coordinated by the University of Guelph, Canada.

He also spent three weeks at the University of Lausanne to work on a collaborative research paper on the nature of embedding of MNCs in the region and implications for capability building. During 2018-19, he aims to continue publishing papers based on completed work and also work towards completing the two ongoing research projects.

7.5.5 Urban Transformations in India

KAREN COELHO, Assistant Professor

Dr. Karen Coleho's work focuses on urban transformations in India (more specifically Chennai) and on subaltern spaces and populations of the city. In 2017-18, she led or participated in the preparation and submission of three research proposals on affordable housing, slum clearance and slum resettlement, including questions of the conditions and quality of life in slum resettlement colonies built by the state, the mobility patterns and challenges of workers and students resettled in these sites. Two of the studies sought to empirically examine the question of co-production of affordable housing (including a critical analysis of the conditions underpinning private sector participation in this sector), with the aim of informing the TN Housing and Habitat policy which is currently being drafted. She has also engaged in studies looking at how disaster risk and vulnerability are constructed in urban areas. A third area of work that she has continued to develop is on urban ecologies. She has written and presented papers on the political ecologies of the Buckingham Canal and of river restoration efforts in Chennai.

As in previous years, she has continued to devote considerable time to teaching and mentorship of students, interns and Research Assistants. She taught a course in Urban Studies as a guest faculty at the Asian College of Journalism, and mentored seven interns from various educational institutes, both local and international, for periods ranging from one to six months. She served on the doctoral committee for five students, and worked with five research assistants on various projects. She has also delivered numerous invited lectures in various academic institutions apart from, speaking on panels or serving as resource person or discussant at various events in the city and outside. In September-October 2017 she was invited to deliver lectures at McGill University, Montreal and St.Mary's University, Halifax, Canada.

In the coming year, she expects to be engaged in finalising the reports from the Boundary Spanning project and preparing a manuscript for an edited book from its seven comparative case studies across three Indian cities. Results from two other projects she has been working on in 2017-18 (Mobilities in the Periphery and the Baseline Study of Resettlement) will also be ready to write up into reports, present at workshops, and publish. She expects to produce at least two journal articles from papers presented at conferences in 2017-18.

Finally, Dr. Coelho plans to work with colleagues at MIDS to refine and further develop the PhD coursework at MIDS and to assist in developing a comprehensive course on Interdisciplinary Research Methods to offer for a wider cohort of participants.

7.5.6 Governance and Institutions

KRIPA ANANTHPUR, Associate Professor

Dr. Kripa Ananthpur's area of specialisation continues to be centred on issues related to governance with a special focus on local governance and democracy. A logical corollary of this investigation has been to study India's attempt to deepen democracy through decentralization by constitutionally mandated local governments at the sub-state level from 1992. Hence most of her research focuses on interrogating and understanding various dimensions of local politics that shape local democracy and governance. An important dimension of this research has been to unpack the interface between governance and civil society institutions and analyse the implications of this interface for democratic and governance outcomes. Assessing the extent to which people's participation can make local democracy more effective, accountable and transparent is another dimension of her work. She has also contributed to the 5th State Finance commission report on the politics of local taxation and the continuing mis-match between funds, functions and functionaries at the local level.

Dr. Kripa, along with other researchers, has recently completed a project on using P Tracking (Participatory Tracking) for Village Development Planning process for Village Panchayats in Taml Nadu. This innovative method integrates the spirit of participation with fast-developing technology to help prepare participatory Village Development Plans. This intervention was carried out in selected blocks in Theni and Dharmapuri districts and used community-led digital data collection visualisation tools for preparing and participatory Village Development Plans.

Dr. Kripa is the coordinator and one of the principal researchers of the 'Tamilnadu Household Panel Survey' project funded by the GoTN and in collaboration with the Survey Research Centre, University of Michigan, and Department of Economics & Statistics, GoTN. The Panel survey is Computer Assisted Personal Interviews (CAPI) based that is expected to be implemented over a three-year period with two waves of surveys – pre-baseline and baseline/wave1. This is a large project that covers all 32 districts in

Tamil Nadu with a total of 1,257 Primay Sample Units (PSUs) (573 Rural PSUs + 684 Urban PSUs). Approximately a total of 15,084 households will be selected for the baseline/wave1 panel survey through stratified sampling process from the listing data. Currently the pre-baseline/listing survey is going on in all the districts and is expected to be completed by December 2018. Most of her research activities this year will be related to managing the data collection process including productivity and quality as well data analysis of the TNHPS proejct.

She is also involved in writing a book in collaboration with Dr. Vijayendra Rao of the World Bank and Ms. Radhika Viswanathan, independent consultant. This book is based on the 10-year deepening democracy project that Dr. Kripa conducted in northern Karnataka.

Dr. Kripa is a member of the advisory committee set up for guiding the Directorate of Economics and Applied Research, Department of Planning and Development, GoTN with their evaluation and research studies.

7.5.7 *Public Finance and Macroeconomic Issues*

KRISHANU PRADHAN, Assistant Professor

Dr. Krishanu Pradhan's research paper has been accepted for publication in *MARGIN: The Journal of Applied Economic Research*, Vol. 12, Issue, 3 (August 2018). Two more papers are in the process of completion. He has already presented one of the papers at the MIDS faculty seminar in May 2018 for a feedback.

He was invited as a resource person to deliver a talk in plenary session of ICSSR-sponsored national seminar on "Policy Approaches, Development and State Response to Agrarian Crises and Farmer's Distress" at Shri Sant Damaji Mahavidyalaya, Mangalwedha, Solapur, Maharashtra. At the same seminar, he presented a paper India: "A Land of Disequilibria and Distress: A Case of Small and Marginal Farmers".

He was called to judge The Edwina Memorial Paper Presentation Contest on "A Critical evaluation of Process of Production of Capital (Das Capital Vol.1)" at Women's Providence College, Kozhikode, Kerala. There he delivered a talk on the Union Budget 2018-19.

He also participated in the ICSSR-sponsored Two Week Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty at Department of Economics, Lucknow University during February 12-23, 2018.

He reviewed four research papers out of which two are for MIDS journal, *RDC*. He participated in other institutional activities.

He plans to publish two more papers which are in process of completion in the next academic year. He will seek projects in the area of public finance, his area of specialisation.

7.5.8 *Social Mobilisation and Social Justice*

C. LAKSHMANAN, Associate Professor

Dr. Lakshmanan has been involved in the following activities during 2017-18:

(a) Study on "Socio–Economic Status of Tribals in Tamil Nadu: A study of Tribal Development Programme in Post: Liberalisation Era", which was funded by ICSSR, New Delhi.

In the past two decades across the world a number of changes have taken place in many fields of life and polity, both at the national and international levels, resulting in drastic changes in Indian economy and polity. When it comes to development indicators, Tamil Nadu has achieved many distinctions compared to other states. However, in contrast, intra-state comparisons among rural-urban, landowning and landless, organised and unorganised workers, and the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes, and others, offer an altogether different understanding. How various development/ welfare programmes of the state impacted their lives of sub-state groups of population? To what extent have the various welfare policies and programmes reached them, in term of access to education, health and employment and other aspects in everyday materiality? What are the objective conditions that exist on the ground? The study provides an assessment of some of the development programmes of the state with respect to the tribal population.

(b) Five-Day Orientation Programme for Faculty and Ph D Scholars of SC/ ST and other Marginalized Groups "Critical Social Science Perspectives: Understanding Theories and Praxis" 25-29, July 2017, funded by ICSSR.

Critical Social Science starts with a 'reflexive' posture towards knowledge and processes. Reflexivity refers to the capacity to locate one's academic activities – teaching and research – in the same social world as the phenomena being studied/ taught, to explain within the same framework as is used to understand the object of learning. Reflexivity leads us to recognise alternative ways of viewing reality and prompts us to make explicit some of the world views which we and others bring to our academic endeavour. As pointed out by Joan Eakin and other key features of CSSP are: assumption and ideology; role of power; acknowledgement of possible inherent irreconcilable contradictions;

and appreciation for the dialectical relationship between the formal and informal structures of society and individual or collective human action.

(d) One-Day National Seminar on, "Status of SC and ST Sub-Plans in the Post-Planning Commission Period", March 28, 2018, MIDS.

Many state interventions on the marginalised communities either remained on paper or added more confusion due to the change of institutional mechanism combined with the nature of the policies at the centre. Here, we engage with one of the issues – the status of SC and ST Sub-Plans after the establishment of NITI Aayog at one level. At another level, a few states have made legislative enactments to cater to the economic development of the marginalised. This commentary is based on the deliberations of the one-day national seminar on the subject, in which participants shared the experience and struggles related to these sub-plans.

For the year 2018-19, Dr. Lakshman plans to finish the book on Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Tamil Nadu, which is in the final stage of its prepartion. He also proposes to re-work the Tamil Nadu Tribal study report for a book.

Further Dr. Lakshmanan proposes to organise two seminars:

(i) Representation of Caste/ Class in Contemporary Tamil Cinema: Towards a Critical Reflection;

(ii) Federal Polity: Centre-State Relation in the Liberalized India.

7.5.9 Sectoral and Macroeconomic Issues

SHASHANKA BHIDE, Director

The international workshop organised by Prof. Shashanka Bhide and V. Balasubramanyam of Lancaster Business School, held on 3-4 January 2017 on the rapid growth of services sector of the economy has provided a rich material on a wide range issues relating to the services sector in India. The summary and key messages from the conference covering the addresses by the invited distinguished speakers, panel discussion and the presentations by the experts during the two- day conference were compiled and a compact publication was published in October 2017. The technical papers prepared for the conference have been processed for an edited manuscript for a potential publication.

Two special seminars, one on the Union Government Budget of 2018-19 and one on the Budget 2018-19 of the state Government of Tamil Nadu were

organised by Prof. Bhide in the institute during the year.

Research on issues relating to the agricultural sector, economic growth and poverty dynamics have remained the core areas of interest for Prof. Bhide during the year. Work on preparing three co-authored chapters of a book on poverty dynamics, which he is co-editing with three other researchers, has also been an important activity for him during the year. This co-edited book is expected to be published in 2018. He has also been associated with co-editing with Prof. D.B. Gupta of National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, a volume on land for urban development.

Association with two on-going projects in the institute has been an opportunity for him to contribute to the work on a household panel survey project, led by Dr. Kripa Ananthpur and developing a model for one of agriculture's subsectors, led by Dr. Umanath and Prof. L. Venkatachalam.

In 2018-19, the major focus of his academic activity will be on the publication of the edited volume on the services sector.

SHESADRI BANERJEE, Assistant Professor

The research agenda of Dr. Shesadri Banerjee includes two major areas of macroeconomics. These topics are as follows:

The first research topic includes the modeling of macro-financial linkages and transmission mechanism of policy shocks. The experience of global financial crisis has exposed the critical role of financial market frictions in transmitting the shocks to the real side of the economy. Given the research gap in the current literature, Dr. Banerjee would like to explore the implications of different types of financial market frictions on the policy interventions in a structural model with macro-financial linkages for the Indian economy. Pertaining to this, he would examine the strategic complementarity between the monetary and macro-prudential policies for economic and financial stabilization. He has produced two co-authored working papers during 2017-18 and shall extend these works further in the coming year.

In the second research topic, he is addressing the determinants of cross-country differential of inflation volatility. The objective of this research is to disentangle the structural attributes and policy related factors, which can lead to different patterns in inflation volatility for the different economies. To work on this topic, he has been pursuing research collaborations with Dr. Rudrani Bhattacharya from NIPFP at New Delhi,

and Sidheswar Panda from IIT, Indore. He has submitted a research proposal for an internal Faculty Time Fund grant of MIDS to undertake a research project on this topic.

Apart from developing research papers for journal publications, Dr. Banerjee is also aiming to apply for external research grants. At present, he is preparing a grant proposal on "Understanding Monetary Policy Transmission in Emerging Market Economies with Informal Sector" with his collaborator Prof. Parantap Basu from University of Durham, UK.

7.5.10 Natural Resources Management and Sustainable Development

K. SIVASUBRAMANIYAN

Associate Professor

In 2017-18, Dr. Sivasubramaniyan contributed three articles for books and published another three articles for journals apart from handling three medium sized projects. One article published online, related to Cauvery Settlement and Water Management based on the Supreme Court verdict. He has presented six papers during the year, of which one was presented in Hyderabad, another one in ISEC Bangalore and the remaining four in Chennai, including the one presented at the MIDS Faculty Seminar in January 2018. He has also participated in six seminars/conference-related activities and all of them were in MIDS. He has been guiding three PhD students, including a part-time candidate.

He has been coordinating the faculty seminar series in MIDS since 2014. This year half a dozen faculty members have given their seminars.

Of the four projects he has worked in the last year, two have just been completed and the remaining two are in different stages of completion.

In the last one year, he has participated as an expert in his area of speacialisation in TV and All-India Radio programmes, reviewed five research papers for publication; served as a selection committee member in Anna University; conducted viva for 18 M.E. candidates and conducted one PhD viva voce in Trichy.

He expects to maintain the same momentum of work in the coming year as well.

Specific activities during 2017-18:

1. The Tribal Development Study sponsored by the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission was completed and the report has been submitted.

2. The Project, "Structure, Functioning

and Impact of Irrigation Institutions: The Case of Tank Irrigation in Tamil Nadu", sponsored by ICSSR has enabled him get better understanding of the current situation regarding the institutional aspects in the major tank irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu. Based on the elaborate field work experience gained in this ICSSR project he prepared an article that has been published in November 2017. A detailed ICSSR Project Report has been prepared and submitted in June 2018. He expects to work further to prepare the report for a publication as a book.

3. Considerable amount of time was also spent for the preparation of proposal for NABARD – Rural Drinking Water Supply Project at the end of the last year. This project proposal has now been approved. Currently this project's field survey is in progress and the report will be submitted before the end of 2018.

M. UMANATH, Assistant Professor

Dr. Umanath joined MIDS as an Assistant Professor in August 2017. During this period, he has attended two workshops, one organised by NIAP-ICAR regrading a Network Project initiated by National Institute of Agricultural Policy Research, New Delhi. The other workshop related to 'Macroeconomic Techniques and Survey Data'.

He presented a faculty seminar in MIDS during the year. A project entitled "Modeling supply and demand side economy of sugarcane sector in India", of which he is the principal investigator along with Prof. L. Venkatachalam has begun and work is in progress. A project proposal entitled "Studying economic consequences of sustainable practices in agriculture at farm level" was submitted by Dr. Umanath to SANDEE, Nepal.

Dr. Umanath has participated in a TV talk show on food security on 6 December 2017, and gave a guest lecture regarding NSSO data extraction and its uses in applied research held at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, on 2 May 2018.

In 2018-19, he plans to take up the task of developing a model for the sugarcane/sugar sector and build the database for empirical implementation of the model. Also, he has planned to write one working paper for MIDS and to complete and submit two research papers to journals.

7.5.11 Economic Theory, Environmental Management and Sustainable Development

L. VENKATACHALAM, Professor

Prof. Venkatachalam carried out his research and publication in the areas of 'economic theory', 'non-market

valuation of ecosystem services' and 'economics of water' during the academic year 2017-18.

In February 2018, he was appointed as the RBI Chair Professor at MIDS.

Prof. Venkatachalam has been a visiting faculty at the Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, from January-April 2018 and delivered 80 hours of lecture on environmental management for the post-graduate students.

He also delivered a series of lectures on environment and development at the Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode (Cochin centre), Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar, and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development at Sriperumpudur. In terms of outreach, Prof. Venkatachalam delivered lectures in nearly 50 forums - seminars, workshops and training programmes - attended by research scholars, faculty members and officials from various government departments. Four students at MIDS under his supervision are making progress in their PhD work, in addition to 10 interns from various other institutions who have got his guidance. He serves as a member on the Doctoral Committees of at least half-a-dozen PhD students working in both MIDS as well as other institutions. In addition, he acted as a referee for several research papers submitted to national and international journals. Apart from serving as a member in academic bodies (such as, Board of Studies in Economics) in other academic institutions, he also actively participated in various administrative activities at MIDS such as, serving as a member in the Academic Council of MIDS, member in the editorial committee of MIDS journal, etc., during 2017-18. He will continue to carry out such academic activities during the coming academic year as well.

7.5.12 Social and Cultural History of Tamil Nadu

A.R. VENKATACHALAPATHY, Professor

Prof. Venkatachalapathy is continuing his bilingual exploration of social and cultural processes, and socio-political change in colonial and contemporary Tamil Nadu. He is presently working on a long-term project on the history of consumption with specific reference to non-essential commodities such as coffee and tobacco. As part of this project he has finished a working part on the early history of print advertising. This study throws new light on patterns of consumer behavior and consumption patterns in an evolving market.

A second project is the social history of the Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu from 1925 to 1973 with a special focus on political and social mobilisation.

During the year, he has published a monograph on state intervention in copyright. Taking the case of the nationalization of Subramania Bharati's copyright in the 1950s he has tried to demonstrate how copyright regimes are dictated not only by law but are also mediated by cultural notions of copyright.

For the last few years he has been working on producing an edition of the correspondence of the great Tamil scholar, U.V. Swaminatha Iyer. The first volume has just been published. The documents in this volume provide rich data for understanding the making of modern Tamil culture.

He is presently working on completing a book manuscript on the making of modern Tamilnadu based on political and literary personalities, and important socio-cultural issues. Macmillan has offered a contract for this book.

During the year, much of his time was taken by membership in the Curriculum Sub-committee of the Tamilnadu Text Book Revision. He chaired the lesson writing committee for History, classes IX & XI.

7.6. Paper Presentations and Publications by PhD Scholars

The research output of the PhD scholars at MIDS is summarised below:

Anee Bhattacharyya presented a paper titled "Transgender, Cinema and Everydayness: A Theoretical Exploration of Hijras in India" at the International conference on Politics of Marginality: (Re) locating Subalternity and Marginality held on 22-23 September, 2017 at Assam University, Diphu Campus.

K. Bharathidasan presented three papers:

- "Breaking the Myth and Reconstructing the Early History of Arunthathiyars in Tamil Nadu", in Parveen Sultana (ed,) Proceedings of the Tamil Nadu History Congress, October, 2018, Salem.
- "From Agricultural Labourers to Manual Scavengers: Arunthathiyars in the Corporation of Madras (1850-1947)" at the three-day national seminar held at the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla, November, 2017.
- "Dalits Within Dalits: The Arunthathiyars' Experience in Tamil Nadu", in the four-day workshop held at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CSSSC), Kolkata, February, 2018.

Bibhuti Bhusan Pradhan presented three papers and one publication:

- "Factors Affecting Sustainable Agricultural Practices in Odisha" at the national seminar organised

by the Department of Economics, Revenshaw University, Cuttack, on 25 November 2017.

- "Underdevelopment, Livelihood Insecurity and Distressed Out Migration from Odisha" at the national conference organized by CSCS, Bhubaneswar on 4 March 2018.
- Participated in the Poster Presentation and presented the paper "Underdevelopment, Livelihood Insecurity and Distressed Out Migration from Odisha" at the International Seminar organized by IIPS, Mumbai at New Delhi from 15-17 February 2018.
- "Determinants of Financial Inclusion in Tribal Districts of Odisha: An Empirical Investigation" has been published in the journal *Social Change*, Volume: 47; Issue No: 01 pp 1-20; ISSN: 00490857".

Boddu Srujana presented a paper 'Vulnerabilities and Insecurities – A Look Out for Alternatives for the Adda Coolies in Hyderabad' at the International conference on 'Reincarnation or Death of Neoliberalism: The rise of market authoritarianism and its challenges for labour', organized by Jawaharlal Nehru University and Global Labour University, held on 4-6 October 2017.

R. Manivasagan participated and presented a paper on 'Gender and Food Security in India: An Economic Analysis' at the National Conference on Gender and Development organised by the Department of Gender Studies, 8-9 March 2018 at RGNIYD.

Muhammad Shafeeque Aliparambil published a paper, 'Risk Perception in E-commerce: A Holistic Review of Emerging Online Shopping in India', *International Journal of Research-GRANTHAALAYAH*, 5 (6), 231-239. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.820533.

Pema Choden Bhutia published 'Is Plastics Bad?' in the *International Journal of Science, Engineering and Management* (IJSEM) Vol 2, Issue 9, September 2017. ISSN (Online) 2456 -1304.

Preetha K V presented three papers:

- "Education of Tribal Children: The Rhetoric and Realities" at the international summit Child Rights: Education Matters for Life (ISCR 2017)' on 4 - 5 December 2017 organized by the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Christ University, Bengaluru, India, in collaboration with World Vision India and James Cook University, Australia.
- Participated and presented a paper titled "Legitimacy and Legalities: Trajectory of an Ultra Mega Power

Project" at the National Conference on 'Modernization and Sustainable Social Policy- Challenges, Prospects & Strategies' organized by the Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu on 14-15 February, 2018.

- Presented a poster titled 'Between Pain and Stain: The Cultural Conspiracy of Silence' in a Conference on 'Menstruation and Menstrual Health Management' on 16 March, 2018, held at Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur.

Safwan Amir presented three papers:

- "Caste and Islam" Invited speaker, panel discussion by Compass Foundation for Academic Networking, Chair for Islamic Studies & Research, University of Calicut, 19 August 2017.
- "Research and its nuances: Scope in Arts and Social Sciences" Invited speaker, department of English, Farook college, Calicut, 1 August 2017.
- "Studying the Mappila: the inevitable past, present, and future" 6th French Network on Asia conference by GIS ASIE, Sciences Po, Paris, France, 28 June 2017.

7.7. Other Institutional and Professional Activities of the Faculty

The faculty take the initiative, organise and coordinate all the academic activities of the instute. In addition, they also assist in the administration of the institute through participation in committees focusing on specific tasks.

Faculty Committees

The PhD coordination committee of the faculty has important responsibility of managing the PhD programme of the institute, supporting the programme in many ways. The short course that has been traditionally a core activity of the faculty, providing to the new batch of PhD students the basic exposure to the methods in social sciences, is organised and conducted by the institute's faculty. A faculty committee has also been addressing the grievances of the students, if any, in the matters relating to the programme of the institute.

The library committee of the faculty reviews the acquisition of new books, subscriptions of journals and other matters relating to the functioning of the library to improve its value to the students and faculty.

A committee of faculty has been constituted with the Director as the Chair

to review and approve the procurement and dsiposal of assets other than computers and related anciliaries- in the institute. The committee also reviews and approves major tasks relating to the repairs and maintenance of the campus facilities.

A committee of faculty, with the Director as the Chair, coordinates the publications of the institute main publications, the Working Papers and the half-jearly journal, *Review of Development and Change*.

A faculty member, Dr. Sivasubramaniyan has coordinated the series of regular seminars given by the institute's faculty and the visitors.

A Grievances Cell/ Committee comprising of faculty, non-academic staff and an external member has been constituted to implement the Code of Conduct and Discipline for Avoidance of Sexual Harassment as required under the instirtute's Service Rules.

Various non-academic sections, Administration, Library, Publications, Information Technology and Finance provide the very critical support in implementing the various tasks of the faculty committees.

The institute's faculty actively participates in the academic activities of the various institutions that strengthens their own knowledge and skills and also allows them to share their work to a wider audience. The faculty is also recognised in the profession for their contributions and standing and they are invited as experts or members of various official or academic administrative committees. Details are provided in section 10.3.

Research Projects

The research projects undertaken by the faculty – externally funded and internally funded – are summarised in section 11. Many of the projects are funded by either the Government of Tamil Nadu or ICSSR. However, projects have also been received from other agencies such as NABARD and collaborative projects such as those with the University of Sussex and National Institute of Agricultural Policy Research, New Delhi.

7.8 Seminars by Faculty, Visitors and Students

Faculty of the institute and visiting scholars give seminars on their work – an activity that is open to the public for their aattendance and discussion – throughout the year. In 2017-18, 16 such seminars were held. List of these seminars is provided in section 12.

PhD scholars are required to give seminars on their work in the institute on half-yearly basis, which is an opportunity for them to review their own progress and get feedback from faculty and other students. A list of seminars presented by the institute's PhD students is given in section 12.3.

7.9. Public Lectures, Workshops, Special Seminars, and Book Launches

A number of academic events were organised in the institute during the year attracting many scholars and experts on such occasions.

7.9.1 Founder's Day Lecture

The annual Founder's Day Lecture for the year 2017-18 was delivered by Prof. A. Vaidyanathan, a well-known economist and former Professor and Director of MIDS on 18 April 2018.

7.9.2 Public Lectures

Four public lectures were organised, each delivered by a distinguished scholar. Three of the four speakers were invited Visiting Fellows of the institute during the year.

(1) 'Muslim Fundamentalism in South India: With Lessons from Colonial History', Chandra Mallampalli, Professor of History, Westmont College, USA and Visiting Fellow, MIDS, 10 August 2017.

(2) 'Equality after RTE: Universal Schooling and the Post-Welfare State', Krishna Kumar, Honorary Professor, Punjab University, Former Director, NCERT & Visiting Fellow, MIDS, 23 November 2017.

(3) 'Essence of Diversity in India', Suraj Yengde, Non-resident fellow with the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at the Hutchins Center, Harvard University, US, 7 January 2018.

(4) 'Meritocracy in the Face of Group Inequality', Rohini Somanathan, Professor, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, 25 January 2018.

7.9.3 National Seminar

An orientation programme entitled 'Critical Social Science Perspectives: Understanding Theories and Praxis' was held to provide an intensive discussion of the social science perspectives for the benefit of the students and scholars from different academic institutions. It was organised by Dr. C. Lakshmanan, MIDS, from 25-29 July 2017.

7.9.4 Workshops/Special (Full-day/half-day) Seminars

Nine workshops and special seminars (full-day or half-day discussion

meetings) were held in the institute during the year.

(1) 'Pathways of Creative Research: New Horizons of Transformative Movements, Collaborative Imagination and Planetary Realization'. Organiser: Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri, MIDS, 22 August 2017.

(2) 'Weaving New Hats: Philosophy, Anthropology and Literature and the Calling of a Planetary Lokasamgraha'. Organiser: Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri, MIDS, 24 October 2017.

(3) Refersher Course: Social and Gender Dimensions of Urban River Restoration, Organised by Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies (HIS), Erasnoms University and MIDS (Karen Coelho), 2 December 2017.

(4) 'State Level Seminar on Evolving School Curriculum'. Organiser: Dr. C. Lakshmanan, MIDS, 7 January 2018.

(5) 'Climate Resilience Planning: Rethinking Cities in the Context of Sea Level Rise'. Organised by MIDS and Coastal Resource Center, and Indo-German Center for Sustainability (IGCS) - IIT Madras, 20 January 2018.

(6) 'New Challenges of Critical and Creative Social Theorizing and Global Transformations: Beyond Cosmopolitanism and Pathways of Planetary Conversations'. Organiser: Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri, 12 February 2018.

(7) 'The Union Budget 2018-19: Implications for the Economy'. Organiser: Prof. Shashanka Bhide, 16 February 2018.

(8) 'With and Beyond Epistemologies from the South'. Organiser: Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri, MIDS, 5 March 2018.

(9) 'Minorities and Human Dignity' (Half-day Workshop). Organiser: Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri, MIDS, 27 March 2018.

(10) 'Tamil Nadu State Government Budget 2018-19'. Organiser: Prof. Shashanka Bhide, 4 May 2018.

7.9.5 Book releases

Three book release functions were held at the institute to bring to the attention of the academia and general public some of the interesting works of scholars with which institute's own scholars were familiar or involved.

(1) Book Release and Panel Discussion *Alternative Futures:*

India Unshackled (eds. Ashish Kothari and K.J. Joy). Organiser: Prof. Ajit Menon and Prof. S. Janakarajan, 17 February 2018.

(2) Book Launch: *We Who Wove with Lotus Thread: Summoning Community in South India* by Aarti Kawlra. Organiser: Dr. Aarti Kawlra, Academic Director of the Humanities across Borders program of the International Institute of Asian Studies (IIAS) of the Leiden University the Netherlands, 24 March 2018.

(3) Book Launch: *Who Owns That Song?: The Battle for Subramania Bharati's Copyright* by A.R.Venkatachalapathy. Organiser: MIDS, 15 May 2018.

7.10. Institute's Publications

7.10.1 Working Papers (WP)

(1) 'The Imperialism of Anti-Imperialism: The United States, and India in the Second World War', Srinath Raghavan, Visiting Fellow, MIDS, August 2017 (WP No.226).

(2) 'Goods and Services Tax (GST)', Parthasarathi Shome, Visiting Fellow, MIDS, October 2017 (WP No.227).

(3) 'Universal Schooling and Equality: Right to Education Under a Post-Welfare State', Krishna Kumar, Visiting Fellow, MIDS, June 2018 (WP No.228).

(4) 'A Conjectural History of Cultural Ideas of Women and Work in Urban South India', Karen Pechilis, Visiting Fellow, MIDS, June 2018 (WP No.229).

(5) 'A Magic System? Print Publics, Consumption and Advertising in Modern Tamilnadu', A.R. Venkatachalapathy, Professor, MIDS, June 2018 (WP No. 230).

7.10.2 Journal - Review of Development and Change *(Published)*

(i) Volume XXII, No.1 January-June 2017.

(ii) Volume XXII, No.2 July-December 2017 Special Issue on Interrogating Enquiry Commission Reports on Caste Violence. Edited by C. Lakshmanan and K. Srinivasulu.

7.10.3 Other Publications

Future of India's Services Growth Potential and Constraints: Summary and Key Messages, International Conference organised by MIDS and British Northern Universities India Forum, UK, October 2017.

7.11. Individual Affiliations and Institutional Collaborations

7.11.1 Visiting Fellows

The institute has initiated a programme of short-term Visiting Fellowships in which distinguished scholars/ experts are invited to visit the institute for short periods, interact with the faculty and students, deliver a public lecture and contribute to the MIDS Working Papers Series. In 2017-18 three scholars accepted the invitation and were affiliated as Visiting fellows of the institute.

Details of the Visiting Fellows under the short-term Visiting Fellowships programme:

(i) Prof. Chandrasekhar Mallampalli, Professor of History, Westmont College, California, USA.

(ii) Prof. Krishna Kumar, Honorary Professor, Punjab University, Former Director, NCERT, Former Professor, Department of Education, University of Delhi.

(iii) Prof. Rohini Somanathan, Professor, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, Uniersity of Delhi.

(iv) In addition, the institute also recognises visiting scholars who undertook their research activities on sabbatical or work programs at MIDS as Visiting Fellows. One such scholar associated with the institute as Visiting Fellow in 2017-18 was Dr. Sonika Gupta, Associate Professor, China Studies Centre, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Madras.

7.11.2 Affiliates

(i) Mr. Hari Ramesh, PhD student, Department of Political Science, Yale University, USA.

(ii) Prof. Karen Pechilis, Drew University, new Jersey, USA. She was affiliated with MIDS under the Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships programme.

7.11.3 Post-Doctoral Fellow

Dr. Ghuncha Firdaus has joined MIDS as ICSSR Post-Doctoral Fellow with effect from February 2018, working on the topic 'Urbanisation and Migration, Role of Poverty in this Nexus'. She has completed her previous post-doctoral fellowship in the UGC programme in which she worked on the topic 'Urbanisation and Public Health - A Case Study of Municipal Corporation of Delhi'.

7.12 IT Infrastructure

The IT infrastructure in MIDS consists of the state-of-the-art computing

facilities with latest hardware, software, and supporting equipment. The computer centre actively participates in the process of planning and implementing the IT needs of the Institute. The Institute has around 65 Intel-based Desktops and Notebooks, Network Laser Printers, Laser printers, scanners and LCD Projectors. The web server, mail server and library automation servers are powered by Linux operating system and the antivirus server is powered by Windows 8 Operating Systems. The Desktops / Notebooks are loaded with Windows 10/8.11/7/XP Operating System. Office automation packages like Open Office, MS Office 2016 Adobe Readers, statistical software like SPSS, Stata, Eviews, DTP software like Adobe Creative cloud and Pagemaker, Tally ERP for accounting purposes are available under Windows environment.

The following are the major services of the computer centre.

Web Server and Mail Server: A Linux-based web server and mail server is hosted in the campus and it works round the clock on all days. The institute has 10 mbps [1:1] fibre optic leased line connectivity from Tata Communications Ltd and 100 mbps fibre optic leased line connectivity from National Knowledge Network to provide Internet access in the campus.

Network: MIDS has configured a structured Ethernet-based Local Area Network (LAN) and Wi-Fi enabled network catering to about more than 100 users in the institute. The network segment contains one Cisco router, Wi-Fi Controller firewall, Access points and switches. The institute is now fully Wi-Fi enabled campus; faculty, students and project staff can access internet facilities anywhere in the campus.

Library Information System: Linux-based library server is configured in the computer centre. LIBSYS software is used for library automation.

Faculty: The institute has provided Intel Core i5 personal computers and laser printers to all the faculty members. These computers are connected with LAN to facilitate e-mail and Internet access.

Computer Lab: 12 personal computers are installed in the computer room along with Internet access and network printing facilities for the use of students and project staff.

Other Services: a) Round-the-clock internet access to faculty members, students and other members of the institute. b) E-mail services for faculty, students and non-academic staff members with web-based and POP3 access and c) Network printing facility for members of the institute.

7.13 Library

The MIDS Library with its collection of knowledge resources and innovative information services provides important services to the students and faculty in the institute and where possible, to the general public in their intellectual pursuits.

The library has nearly 60,000 printed documents, and subscribes to 114 Journals.

E- Services

1. Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Service.
2. E-Journal Service: MIDS library subscribes to 115 academic journals in the form of printed subscription. Out of this nearly 56 journals are now available through online access and members can access these journals in the campus on all days. Apart from this ICSSR has provided access of J-Stor and Econlit on a consortium basis.
3. Database Service: MIDS library procures electronic databases such as Census of India, NSSO, ASI etc on a regular basis. These databases are available in the form of CD-ROM / DVD. The library also subscribes to online Economic Outlook from CMIE and EPW RF time series database. In addition to this ICSSR supports subscription of Indiastat.com annually.
4. Digital Library Service: The library provides documents, reports, journals etc in electronic format from the institute's archive, public domain and from other libraries to its users.

Customised Services

1. Reference Service: The library provides reference services to readers in the library. The library staff assist users in locating their reference materials from the stack.
2. Document Delivery Services: The library arranges to provide document delivery services on request from other academic libraries to faculty members and students.
3. Reprographic Service: The library provides photocopying services to its members and other library users.
4. A regular update on the arrival of new books/reports added in the library is intimated to students and faculty.
5. Information Service: The library provides bibliography details to its faculty and students based on their specific subjects.
6. Inter-Library Loan Services (ILS): The library is a member of British Council Library and Anna University Central library. With this facility the library arranges inter-library loan facilities to faculty and research scholars in the institute.

Digitisation/Software Service

MIDS Library uses LIBSYS software for its in-house operations. J-Stor, Econlit, CMIE-Economic Outlook, EPWRFIT, and Indiastat Databases are available in the library to enrich the knowledge base of students and faculty.

The library acquires databases in the form of CD-ROM/DVD for academic use. The collection includes Census of India, DLHS, NSSO (Mainly Consumer Expenditure,

Employment and Unemployment, Household Assets, Morbidity and Health Care etc).

Collection of Back Volumes of Journals

The library has a collection of 6,975 bound volumes of journals.

Journal Subscription

The library currently subscribes to 56 International and 58 Indian periodicals.

New Additions

The library has added 458 new books in 2017-18.

7.14 Opportunities and Challenges

As Indian society and economy evolve, influenced by technological changes, demography, limited availability of natural resources at disposal of the population and the growing demands on them, and their interactions globally on the multitude of links, there is always a need for review, assessment, information and understanding of the changes both for policy purposes and to enrich our understanding of this evolution of social and economic processes. The recent three decades have seen huge changes in all these factors that influence the economy and society opening up opportunities for social science research. The need to achieve more equal distribution of wealth in society has been recognised generally for sustainable growth and stability.

The work programme of the institute recognises these opportunities and attempts to contribute to our knowledge of the changes that are taking place, strategies people, businesses and governments employ to bring about growth, equity and stability and the impact of the many interactions. The work has been possible through the core grants to the institute from ICSSR and the Government of Tamil Nadu supplemented by grants provided to specific projects from a number of other organisations. Collaborations with other scholars and institutions have proved to be a significant multiplier of the resources we have in taking up research on a larger scale and with broader perspectives. The collaborative work has been immensely strengthened by better communication facilities through the internet.

While improvements on the campus and in resources such as IT and library resources have led to much greater ease of access and larger pool of knowledge, challenges remain on many fronts.

The augmentation of faculty numbers during the year has been a significant positive change in the academic resources of the institute. However, the increased faculty number of 15 now is well below the numbers that the institute has had as compared to the actual strength of 19-20 faculty during 2006-07 to 2010-11. In 2002-03, the institute had a faculty strength of 22. The first ICSSR Review Committee constituted in 1984, chaired by Prof. V.M. Dandekar, had recommended faculty strength of 22. While the ICSSR Review Committee of 1997, headed by Prof. Deepak

Nayyar, did not recommend any increase in the faculty strength further, the third Review Committee in 2007, headed by Prof. Atul Sarma, recommended a faculty strength of 25 to complement the existing faculty and enhance the multi-disciplinary perspective. In this context, the present strength of 15, which was approved by ICSSR at the time of approving the pay revision as per the Sixth Pay Commission award, is extremely inadequate. The need for multi-disciplinary perspectives, strengthening of teaching/ PhD programme to contribute effectively to the training of the nest generation of social scientists, there is an urgent need to increase the faculty strength to at least 25 as recommended by the review committee of 2007.

The PhD programme is facing a setback with respect to the financial support for the scholars. The institute's PhD programme has evolved with the support of Institutional Doctoral fellowship to the scholars admitted the institute. While these fellowships were lower than the UGC fellowship for the PhD scholars and also for shorter duration, they formed a significant level of support. The reduction in the tenure of the fellowship to two years from three has meant that the programme would not remain attractive to the scholars as it is almost an exceptional case that a scholar would complete the PhD programme in just two years, leaving all the students to seek other finance after the two years of ICSSR fellowship. The PhD fellowship in institutes such as MIDS must be for duration comparable to the UGC, which is five years. There is also a constraint that the new rules of ICSSR fellowship have imposed: fellowship would be granted only to those scholars who are registered with a university after a review of the research proposals by ICSSR. In other words, the institute will have to admit students without a fellowship, approve the research proposal, assign a guide, get the scholar registered and constitute the doctoral committee- all without any assurance of a fellowship and then have ICSSR review the research proposal to award the fellowship with the possibility that fellowship may not be awarded to the scholar. To complicate the matters, the University of Madras has now decided to admit students only twice a year and this schedule may not correspond to the schedule of review of proposals by ICSSR. In this situation there may be a significant length of time in which the scholar will find herself without fellowship support.

The University of Madras now stipulates that students must complete their PhD in six years after securing registration. In the absence of adequate support from ICSSR, the PhD programme at the institute will face uncertainty unless alternative sources of funds for the programme are secured.

The institute also recognises that there is a need and it has the potential to initiate a regular programme of short course in the applications of research methods, both qualitative and quantitative, that will assist not only students and scholars in social sciences

but also practitioners. The institute is keen to take up this initiative. However, initiatives such as this will require adequate infrastructure in terms of teaching rooms and related resources. Raising grants to support the initiative would be a challenge in the initial stages.

There is also a need to provide a research grant to the faculty to initiate and sustain their longer-term research agenda. While the research projects sponsored by ICSSR, Government of Tamil Nadu and other agencies provide opportunities to the faculty to take up research projects, these projects have specific objectives and often do not have continuity in the research agenda of the scholars. Faculty research grants to nurture a long-term research agenda by the scholars would act as an important incentive to the faculty to produce better research output.

The Approaching Golden Jubilee

The institute will be in its 50th year of its operations in 2019-20. While the plans for the celebration of the milestone in the journey of the institute will be firmed up in 2018-19, the activities will focus on laying the foundations for the institute's academic and research work in the coming decades. The Golden Jubilee year will be an opportunity to build on the institute's strength and supplement its resources to sustain its work in the coming decades. The synergies in teaching, research and dissemination activities will need to be enhanced to make the contributions of the institute to the social sciences and development more valuable.

The Seventh Pay Commission Award Based Pay Revision for the Institute

The institute is awaiting revision of pay for its employees based on the recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission award applicable to ICSSR institutes.

7.15 Proposed Academic Activities for 2018-19

The core activities of the institute are research, the PhD programme and dissemination or outreach.

In research, the faculty is engaged in their individual long-term research programmes and specific research projects sponsored by various agencies, including ICSSR and the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The specific research projects – although engagement with them depends on the available opportunities and difficult to plan much ahead – are valuable to the faculty to gain insights on specific policy issues or to inform their broader research agenda. Moving into 2018-19, the institute's faculty have more than 15 externally funded projects on hand in different stages of

implementation, carried over from the previous years. Typically, 4-5 new projects are received in a year. This reflects an active research project activity on campus in the coming year. Composition of the projects in terms of topics covered also reflects a wide spectrum of disciplines.

Another component of the research activity in the institute is the research programmes pursued by individual faculty members. While the faculty receives a meagre annual grant to meet any contingency expenditure incurred in their individual research programme, the institute provides internal funding support to a few projects and in 2017-18, three such projects were on-going and in 2018-19 also similar pattern is likely. In the longer term, however, it is necessary to provide adequate funding for individual faculty members to pursue their broad research interests so that they can invest significant amount of their time which would enrich their scholarship and lead to sustained contributions of publications.

The second major component of the institute's academic work is the PhD programme and training programmes. We propose to invite applications to the PhD programme in the institute so that admissions can be given to be aligned with the schedule of admissions to the University of Madras. Students already enrolled with us will be encouraged to work on their research with greater effort and commitment. All efforts will be made to utilise the fellowship support from ICSSR, once it is also aligned with the academic schedule of the university. It is also hoped that the fellowships would address the requirements of the candidates admitted to the programme in the institute.

Besides the PhD programme, the institute also conducts Research Methodology workshops and Orientation programmes. These programmes are intended as training sessions for post-graduate and PhD students and also for faculty from colleges. ICSSR provides financial support for such programmes. We will look for opportunities for conducting these programmes in 2018-19 also.

The institute is also proposing to conduct an Interdisciplinary Research Methodology workshop during the academic year 2018-19. The last time such a workshop was conducted in the institute was in 2015-16 in collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriprumbudur. This programme is an attempt to provide exposure of research methods that may be applicable to a wide range of social science disciplines. Funding for this programme is also generally provided by ICSSR.

The institute will continue the programme of Visiting Fellowships and Research Affiliations that enrich the academic work of the institute.

The third component of the academic activity of the institute is the dissemination or the outreach. These activities include publications, participation in workshops and conferences, teaching and lectures and seminars both within the institute and elsewhere by the faculty and invited scholars from outside the institute.

The Working Papers and the half-yearly journal *Review of Development and Change*, now in its 23rd year of publication, are the two main publications of the institute. We will continue with

our efforts to bring out these publications 2018-19 also. It is also proposed to bring out the journal through a reputed publisher from 2019 onwards.

The faculty of the institute actively participates in teaching in other colleges and universities whenever opportunities are available and their own research programme in the institute permits this activity. As noted earlier, the faculty will be organising research methodology workshops during the year. The faculty seminars and seminars by the visiting scholars remain a regular feature of the institute's academic calendar. Short-term visiting fellowships will be offered during the year subject to availability of funds.

The year 2018-19 would be time for the preparation of an active academic programme during the Golden Jubilee Year.

8. MIDS Publications

8.1 Books

Year / Title	Author and Affiliation
2015	
Indian Economy in Transition: Essays in Honour of C.T. Kurien	S. Janakarajan, L. Venkatachalam, and R. Maria Saleth (eds.), MIDS
2012	
Adam Smith mutal Karl Marx varai: Cevviyal araciyal porulaataaram	S. Neelakantan, MIDS
From Individual to Community: Issues in Development Studies	R. Maria Saleth (ed.), MIDS
2010	
Neer Melanmai	K. Sivasubramaniyan, MIDS
2008	
Environment, Sustainable Development and Human Well-being Methodology	Proceedings of Interdisciplinary Development Research Workshop 2008, L. Venkatachalam (ed.), MIDS
Oru Nagaramum Oru Gramamum: Kongup paguthiyil samuga mattrangalw	S. Neelakantan, MIDS
2007	
Transformation, Transition or Stagnation? Understanding Change in a Globalizing Economy	*Proceedings of Sixth Development Convention 2007,* G..S. Ganesh Prasad (ed.), MIDS
Dravida Chandru: Ellisum Dravida Mozhigalum	Thomas R. Trautmann, University of Michigan
2003	
Avala Nilaiyil Thamizhaga Aarugal	S. Janakarajan, MIDS

8.2 Special Publications

2017
Summary and Key Messages from an international conference *Future of India's Services Growth: Potential and Constraints,* 3-4 January 2017

2016
MIDS Vision Document: *The Next Decade Towards 2025*

2015
Summary and Key Messages from an international conference *Achieving Accelerated Manufacturing Growth: The Promise and Challenges,* 2-3 January 2015

8.3 Malcolm Adiseshiah Memorial Series

Year / Title	Author and Affiliation
FOUNDER'S DAY LECTURES	
2018	
Pursuit of Sustainable and Equitable Growth in the Era of Globalisation: An Indian Perspective	**A. Vaidyanathan** Former Professor and Director, MIDS
2017	
25 Years Later: *Women Writing in India* Reconsidered	**Susie Tharu** Formerly Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, English and Foreign Languages (EFL) University, Hyderabad
2016	
Transporting India to the 2030s: What do We Need to do?	**Rakesh Mohan** Distinguished Fellow, Brookings India, and Senior Fellow, Jackson Institute of Global Affairs, Yale University
2015	
The Market Economy: Theory, Ideology and Reality	**C.T. Kurien** Former Director and Chairperson, MIDS
2014	
Public Finance in India: Development, Equity and Political Economy	**M. Govinda Rao** Member, 14th Finance Commission of India

Year / Title	Author and Affiliation
2013	
China's Success Trap: Lessons for Development Theory	**Manoranjan Mohanty** Faculty Member, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
2011	
The Language of Social Sciences in India	**Gopal Guru** Professor of Political Theory and Chairperson, Centre for Political Studies, JNU, New Delhi
2010	
The Power of Uncertainty: Reflections on the Nature of Transformational Initiatives	**Mihir Shah** Member, Planning Commission, Govt. of India
2009	
Lineages of Political Society	**Partha Chatterjee** Professor, CSSS, Calcutta
2008	
Growth of a Wasteland	**Amit Bhaduri** Professor Emeritus, JNU, Delhi
2006	
Development as a Human Right or as Political Largesse? Does it Make any Difference?	**Upendra Baxi** Professor of Law, University of Warwick, UK
2004	
Globalization: Its Portents for Indian Culture	**U.R. Anantha Murthy** Jnanpith Award Winner

Malcolm Adiseshiah Memorial Lectures

2005	
Cultural Politics of Environment and Development: The Indian Experience	**Amita Baviskar** Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi
2004	
Whither the Indian Village? Culture and Agriculture in 'Rural' India	**Dipankar Gupta** Professor, CSSS, JNU, Delhi

Year / Title	Author and Affiliation
2003	
State, Households and Markets in Education	**Jandhyala B.G. Tilak** Professor, NIEPA, New Delhi
2002	
Gender Inequalities: Neglected Dimensions and Hidden Facets	**Bina Agarwal** Professor, IEG, Delhi

8.4 Recent Working Papers

WP No.	Title	Author
231	With and Beyond Epistemologies from the South: Ontological Epistemology of Participation, Multi-topial Hermeneutics and the Contemporary Challenges of Planetary Realisations	Ananta Kumar Giri
230	A Magic System? Print Publics, Consumption, and Advertising in Modern Tamilnadu	A.R. Venkatachalapathy
229	A Conjectural History of Cultural Ideas of Women and Work in Urban South India	Karen Pechilis
228	Universal Schooling and Equality: Right to Education under a Post-Welfare State	Krishna Kumar
227	Goods and Services Tax (GST)	Parthasarathi Shome
226	The Imperialism of Anti-Imperialism: The United States and India in the Second World War	Srinath Raghavan
225	Sedentarising Conservation: The Politics of Belonging and Rootedness in Gudalur, Nilgiris	Ajit Menon and Manasi Karthik
224	Performance of Irrigation in Tamil Nadu: A Macro Perspective	K. Sivasubramaniyan
223	Dispossession by Neglect: Agricultural Land Sales in the Periphery of Chennai	M. Vijayabaskar and Ajit Menon
222	India's Monetary Policy in a Political Context (1835-2003): RBI and the Quest for Autonomy	TCA Srinivasa-Raghavan
221	Gender and Commodity Aesthetics in Tamilnadu, 1950-1970	S. Anandhi

WP No.	Title	Author
220	Estimating the Economic Value of Ecosystem Services of Pallikaranai Marsh in Chennai City: A Contingent Valuation Approach	L. Venkatachalam and Jayanthi M.
219	Governance and Development in India: A Review of Studies and Suggestions for Further Research	K. Srinivasan and M.S. Selvan
218	Social Theory and Asian Dialogues: Cultivating Planetary Conversations	Ananta Kumar Giri
217	Water Acquisition for Urban Use from Irrigation Tanks: Can Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) Produce a Win-Win Outcome?	L. Venkatachalam
216	Family Planning Programs in India: An Overview and Need for a Revision	K. Srinivasan
215	With and Beyond Plurality of Standpoints: Sociology and the Sadhana of Multi-Valued Logic and Living	Ananta Kumar Giri
214	Tradable Water Rights and Pareto Optimal Water Allocation in Agriculture: Results from a Field Experiment in Bhavani Basin, Tamil Nadu	L. Venkatachalam
213	Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change: Learning from Impact and Vulnerability Literature	Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati
212	Spot and Futures Markets of Agricultural Commodities in India: Analysis of Price Integration and Volatility	B.S. Sumalatha
211	Employment and Maternity Protection: Understanding Poor Coverage of Beneficial Legislation through Content Analysis of Some Judgments	Padmini Swaminathan
210	Rethinking the Human and the Social: Towards a Multiverse of Transformations	Ananta Kumar Giri
209	Knowing Together in Compassion and Confrontation: The Calling of Transformative Knowledge	Ananta Kumar Giri
208	'Self' rather than the 'Other': Towards a Subjective Ethnography of Kani Community	M. Arivalagan

8.5 Themes in Social Sector Research: The S. Guhan Memorial Series

8.5.1 Discussion Papers

DP No.	Title	Author
15	Seasonal/Temporary Family Migration in India: An Analysis of Magnitude and Trend	D. Jayaraj
14	The Evolution of Consumption and Wealth Inequality in India: A Quantitative Assessment	S. Subramanian and D. Jayaraj
13	Extent, Nature, and Causes of Internal Family Migrations in India: An Exploratory Analysis	D. Jayaraj
12	The Deprivation Distribution Profile: A Graphical Device for Comparing Alternative Regimes of Multidimensional Poverty	S. Subramanian
11	A Chakravarty-D'Ambrosio Class of Social Exclusion Measures as a Foster-Greer-Thorbecke Class of Headcount Indices of Multidimensional Deprivation: An Interpretive and Expository Note	S. Subramanian
10	Factors Contributing to the Declining Trend in Sex-Differentials in Mortality in India: An Exploratory Analysis	D. Jayaraj
9	Horizontal and Vertical Inequality: Some Interconnections and Indicators	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian
8	Measuring Literacy: Some Extensions of the Basu-Foster Framework	S. Subramanian
7	Assessing the 'Agedness' of a Population	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian
6	Comparing the Age Structures of Populations	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian
5	The Sex Ratio at Birth and its Determinants: An Exploratory Analysis	D. Jayaraj
4	The Educational Challenge Before the 'Knowledge Economy': Implications for Planning and Financing	Manabi Majumdar

DP No.	Title	Author
3	Poverty Measurement and the Repugnant Conclusion	S. Subramanian
2	'Development as Freedom': Taking Economics Beyond Commodities - The Cautious Boldness of Amartya Sen	Des Gaspar
1	Group Affiliation, Externality, and the Measurement of Poverty	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian

8.5.2 Monographs

No.	Title	Author
8	Agriculture in Transition: Problems and Prospects with Special Reference to Tamil Nadu	K. Sivasubramaniyan and V. Gandhiraj
7	Trade Facilitation and WTO: An Indian Perspective	Moana Bhagabati and Rachna G Ganatra
6	Modernity and Status Autonomy: Reflections on a Survey of Two Tamil Villages	Frank Heidemann
5	Socio-economic Factors Underlying Growth of Silk-Weaving in the Arni Region - A Preliminary Study	D. Jayaraj and K. Nagaraj
4	Delegation to Devolution: A Comparative Study	V. K. Natraj Manabi Majumdar Kripa Ananthpur G. S. Ganesh Prasad and Indrashis Banerjee
3	Water Management and Agriculture in the Palar and the Parambikulam Aliyar Systems in Tamilnadu	A. Vaidyanathan and S. Janakarajan
2	Aspects of Global Deprivation and Disparity: A Child's Guide to Some Simple-Minded Arithmetic	S. Subramanian
1	Fertility Decline in Tamil Nadu: Social Capillarity in Action?	K. Nagaraj

9. Faculty Publications

9.1 Books

Author/Editor	Title	Publisher
Ananta Kumar Giri	*Alingana* [Embrace, A Book of Poems In Odia]	Biswhaleka, Bubaneswar, 2017
	Ehi Alokasnata Pruthivi [This World Bathed in Light: A Travelogue and Reflections on Places, People and Ideas]	Grantha Mandir, Cuttack, 2017
	Research as Realization: Science, Spirituality and Harmony.	Primus Books, Delhi, 2017
	(ed.). *Beyond Cosmopolitanism: Towards Planetary Transformations.*	Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2018
	(ed.) Beyond Sociology	Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2018
	(ed.) *Practical Spirituality and Human Development.* Volume One: Transformation of Religion and Society	Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2018
	(ed.) *Social Theory and Asian Dialogues: Cultivating Planetary Conversations.*	Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2018
	Sri Jagannathanka Saha: Khyaya, Khata o Khetra [With Lord Jagannatha: Loss, Wound and Field, A book of Sociological and Philosophical Reflections on Religion, Culture and Social Transformations]	Vishwalekha, Bhubaneswar, 2018

Author/Editor	Title	Publisher
Ananta Kumar Giri	Transformative Harmony (edited)	Studera Press, Delhi, 2018
Shashanka Bhide (co-authored with V. Balasubramanyam and K.L. Krishna)	Future of India's Services Growth, Potential and Constraints, Summary and Key Messages from the International Conference, held on Jan 3-4, 2017	MIDS, Chennai, 2017
A.R. Venkatachalapathy	*Who Owns that Song?: The Battle for Subramania Bharati's Copyright*	Juggernaut Books, New Delhi, 2018
	U.Ve. Swaminatha Iyer Kaditha Karuvoolam, Vol. 1	Dr U.V. Swaminatha Iyer Library, Chennai, 2018

9.2 Book Reviews

Reviewer	Title of the Book	Author/ Editor	Name of Publication/ Date
Ananta Kumar Giri	*The Making of Indian Democracy*	Deep K. Datta-Ray	Philosophy East and West, 2018
C. Lakshmanan	*En Tantai Paalayyaa*	Y.B. Satyanarayana, in Translation by A. Jenny Dolly	Kalachuvadu, Nagercoil, April 2018

9.3 Contribution to Books

Author/Editor	Title	Publisher
S. Anandhi	The Women's Question in the Dravidian Movement C.1925-1948, in *Gender, Caste and the Imagination of Equality*, Anupama Rao (ed.)	Women Unlimited, 2018

Author/Editor	Title	Publisher
Ananta Kumar Giri	Beyond Sociology: Cultivating an Ontological Epistemology of Participation, *Beyond Sociology*, Ananta Kumar Giri (ed.)	Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore, 2018
	Circles of Gender Liberation, *Gender Matters*, Poornima Jain	Studium Press, New Delhi
	Cosmopolitanism and Beyond: Towards a Multiverse of Transformations, in *Beyond Cosmopolitanism: Towards Planetary Transformations*, Ananta Kumar Giri (ed.)	Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore, 2018
	Dancing with Difference, Identity and Beyond: Transforming the Subjective and the Objective and the Calling of Transpositional Subjectobjectivity, Claiming the Difference: Identity in *Literatures and Cultures*, Sarangadhar Baral	Authors Place, Delhi, 2018
	New Horizons of Ethics, *Leadership and Management: The Purusartha and Poetics of Development*, Indian Management, Karminder Singh	Bloomsbury India, Delhi, 2018
	New Horizons of Human Development, Art, Spirituality and Social Transformations in *Transition Strategies for Sustainable Community Systems: Designs and Perspectives*, Amar Nayak	Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore, 2018
	Social Theory and Asian Dialogues, *Social Theory and Asian Dialogues*, Ananta Kumar Giri	Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore, 2018
K. Jafar	MGNREGS, SHGs and Women Empowerment: The Dynamic Role of Migration and Culture in Kerala (pp: 153-168), *Flagship Programmes: Impact, Problems and Challenges Ahead*, K.P. Kumaran, P.K. Nath, K. Prabhakar, and N. Kalpalatha (eds.)	Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2017

Author/Editor	Title	Publisher
Kripa Ananthpur	From Panchayats to Parliament, *The Indian Parliament and Democratic Transformation*, Ajay K. Mehra (ed.)	New Delhi: Routledge, 2018
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Ajit Menon

M. Vijayabaskar and A. Menon. 2018. Dispossession by Neglect: Agricultural Land Sales in Southern India. *Journal of Agrarian Change*. DOI: 10.1111/joac.12256.

Active land markets in the periphery of Chennai have resulted in large tracts of agricultural land being bought by non-agricultural actors seeking returns primarily from speculation. We argue in this paper that the financialization of land and consequent spurt of agricultural land sales are central to what scholars have termed land grab. Recent literature on land grabs has focused primarily on processes of accumulation by dispossession and the coercive role of the state. Our contention is that land grabs more commonly occur due to the state underinvesting in agriculture, resulting in "dispossession by neglect" of especially marginal and small farmers. Dispossession by neglect better captures the fluid boundary between the coercive and voluntary in contemporary land grabs.

A. Menon and Nitin Rai. 2017. Putting a Price on Tiger Reserves: Creating Conservation Value or Green Grabbing. *Economic and Political Weekly*. 52(52).

The attempts by economists in India to estimate the economic value of tiger reserves must be seen in a context in which inviolate tiger reserves have imposed enormous social costs on local people. There is relative silence around the question of why one should value tiger reserves when they are already protected and who might benefit from such valuations. We call on scholars and activists working in conservation and development to question valuation approaches, given their problematic outcomes.

Ananta Kumar Giri

Alingana (Embrace, A Book of Poems in Odia). Biswhaleka, Bubaneswar. 2017

It is a book of poems in Odia which explores manifold visions and practices of embrace in self, culture, society and literature. It is also a modest attempt in creative border-crossing across sociology, philosophy and literature

Ehi Aloksnata Pruthivi (This World Bathed in Light). Grantha Mandir. Cuttack. 2017

This part of an annual series where the author describes his experience of travelling with multiple ideas and meeting different people and visiting different societies and cultures around the world.

Research as Realization: Science, Spirituality and Harmony. Primus Books. Delhi. 2017

This third volume in our trilogy on creative research discusses the way research can lead to realization of potential of self and society. It also discusses border-crossing communication between science and spirituality.

Beyond Cosmopolitanism: Towards Planetary Transformations (ed.). Palgrave Macmillan. New York. 2018

This edited volume goes beyond the dominant narrative of cosmopolitanism as citizen of the world and tries to look at cosmopolitanism as simultaneously being a citizen of the world and member of the human family—Vasudheiva Kutumbakaam—as it is aspired for in the Indic traditions. It discusses multi-dimensional processes of cosmopolitanization.

Practical Spirituality and Human Development Vol 1: Transformation in Religion and Society. Palgrave Macmillan. New York. 2018

This book cultivates the vision and practice of practical spirituality where one is engaged in multi-dimensional sadhana and struggle for realization of beauty, dignity and dialogues in self, culture and society. This first volume explores the vision and practice of practical spirituality in varieties of religious and philosophical traditions of our world.

Transformative Harmony (ed.). Studera Press. Delhi. 2018

Harmony is an important foundation and calling of life but its significance is rarely explored in sociology and social sciences. This book explores the multi-dimensional challenges of harmony in self, culture, society and the world. It cultivates the vision and practice of transformative harmony where harmony is transformative and not just an extension of a logic of status quo for maintaining a semblance of outer balance and peace

Beyond Sociology: Cultivating an Ontological Epistemology of Participation. Palgrave Macmillan. Singapore. 2018

Is sociology concerned only with social structures or institutions or is it also concerned with rethinking and transforming these as spaces of creative self and co-realizations. This essay explores these issues and also cultivates the concept of ontological epistemology of participation both as a way of conceptualizing society and as a crative method of studying it.

Circles of Gender Liberation. Studium Press. New Delhi

Gender is an important fact and challenge of human existence and it calls for creative efforts in understanding its reality, constitution and liberative transformation as much of humankind suffers from varieties of structures, discourses and practices of gender domination which inhibit fuller self-realization and co-realization of constitutive beings of gender such as male, female and trans-genders. Gender identities have complex relationships to biology, societies, cultures and histories. Though gender identities are related to biological categories such as male and female, they are not necessarily fixed. One may be born into a male body but that does not mean that one cannot experience what it means to be a woman which is not just dependent upon sex change. Even as biological categories males and females exhibit hermaphrodite characteristics as there are aspects of female biological characteristics in a male body as there are aspects of male biological characteristics in female bodies. Though males and females are not just social and cultural constructs, the biological boundaries between them are fluid. But even though our biological identities are fluid, our gender identities become fixed and essentialized through the workings of society, culture and power. Power and cultural constructions of meaning play an important role in the constitution, structuration and ongoing dynamics of gender identities. Our gender identities become part of varieties of structures of gender domination and in most of the cases in societies and histories it becomes one of masculine domination. Masculine domination in gender identities and gender relations leads to subordination of woman but it also leads to suppression and annihilation of feminine aspects within males themselves. This is sometimes reinforced by a bio-cultural logic that men are more rational and aggressive and women are more passive and emotional. Masculine domination in gender relations leads to such an erroneous construction and self-making that men should be more rational and aggressive and women should be more submissive and emotional. Such a logic of masculine domination does not

challenge men to discover their own soft and emotional dimensions including the vulnerability, inevitability and necessity to weep. Similarly such a logic of masculine domination does not allow women to realize their own strength and capacity to reason. This essay discusses these issues and strives to rethink conventional models of gender empowerment and cultivates a new vision and practice of gender liberation.

Cosmopolitanism and Beyond: Towards a Multiverse of Transformations. Palgrave Macmillan. *Singapore. 2018*

Cosmopolitanism is usually conceptualized as citizenship of the world but this essay rethinks such a conceptualization and looks it as manifold processes of belonging to our Mother Earth going beyond Western and Euro-American conceptions of citizenship of the world.

Dancing with Difference, Identity and Beyond: Transforming the Subjective and Objective and the Calling of Trasnspositional Subjectobjectivity. Autors Place. Delhi. 2018

Claiming the difference is at the same time is a call for us to rethink and transform our nature of claim and construction of difference as part of a multi-dimensional process of critique, creativity and transformation. The act of claiming is linked to what Jurgen Habermas may call justification and application but this can be also locked in a logic of self-justification and closure. How do we move from a logic of self-justification to a dance of mutual justification and creation of commons with transformation of both difference and identity as essentialized given categories? This calls for not only knowledge but also faith – faith in the potential of each other as a seeking being walking and meditating with self, other, Nature and the Divine where our existence and mutual communication becomes a journey of meditative verbs of co-realizations involving both action and meditation. We need to move beyond claiming the difference to manifold acts and meditations of dancing with difference and in my paper I proposed such a path of rethinking and transformation of difference and identity. This also calls for transforming the subjectivity and objectivity as we know. Here we need to dance across our positions of identity and difference and as we begin with what Amartya Sen calls "positional objectivity" we also need to move with and beyond our positions in both subjective and objective domains. This helps us to rethink the challenge of subjectivity and objectivity and cultivate what I have been exploring as transpositional subjectobjectivity. In transpositional subjectivity, we go beyond given subjectivity and objectivity and become part of an emergent landscape of truth realization. In my paper, I explore such paths of invitation and exploration as a transdisciplinary quest building upon philosophy, anthropology and literature, among others.

New Horizons of Ethics, Leadership and Management: Purusartha and Poetics of Development. Bloomsbury India. Delhi. 2018

Leadership and management are multi-dimensional processes of being, becoming, self-organization, mutual co-organization and social co-ordination and are not only lines of control *and command as they are conventionally understood and practiced.* Both leadership and management have an ethical as well aesthetic dimension. While ethics points to quality of our relationship and responsibility to the other, aesthetics points to quality of our relationship to and creative unfoldment of our self as part of an inter-linked process of self-development and mutual unfoldment. Ethics and aesthetics go beyond their usual separation and are related to each other as part of a border-crossing and emergent movement of aesthetic ethics or ethical aesthetics. In understanding the calling and practice of ethics in management and leadership

we can relate it to the vision and practice of purusartha. Purusartha is an important vision and pathway of life from India which talks about realization of meaning and excellence of human life in terms of four cardinal values and goals of life-- dharma (right conduct), artha (wealth), kama (desire) and moksha (salvation). Ethics resonates with the vision and practice of dharma but it is not confined only to dharma; it is also a dimension of reality, critique and possibility in artha (wealth), kama (desire) and moksha (salvation). Ethics of leadership and management as part of the broader and deeper vocation of ethics is thus related to artha (wealth), kama (desire) and moksha (salvation). But this calls for us to go beyond an isolated view of purusartha, for example, ethics as dharma isolated from artha (wealth), kama (desire) and moksha (salvation). It calls for flowing across these closed domains in creative ways which is facilitated by a poetics of development where poetry and poetics help us go beyond our entrenched isolation and overflow into other domains in a spirit of communication and spiralling integration. The present essay explores these paths of creative formation of ethics, management and leadership as part of a transformational dynamics of purusartha and poetics of development where poetics becomes part of developmental dynamics of self, society, other and the world.

New Horizons of Human Development: Art, Spirituality and Social Transformations. Palgrave Macmillan. Singapore. 2018

The discourse and practice of human development has been at a cross-road for a long time. For quite some time, critics and reflective practitioners in the field of development have raised ethical and moral issues in the vision and practice of development such as poverty, hunger, displacement and production of underdevelopment by the very interventionist process and logic of development. This has led to the rise of a vibrant critical field of development ethics in which scholars and activists such as Denis Goulet, Amartya Sen, Ashish Nandy, Des Gasper, Claude Alvares, Vandana Shiva, Arturo Escobar and Martha Nussbaum, among others, have taken part. This has led to a critical and creative broadening of the vision and practice of development from mere economic and infrastructural development to broad visions and practices of human development. Amartya Sen spearheaded such a shift as part of a broad reconstitution of development as freedom at the core of which lies issues such as capability and freedom. But in this rarely issues of art, spirituality, human development and social transformations are addressed together though in this discursive field, Martha Nussbaum's work is an exception who draws our attention to the way art can help to transcend existing boundaries through the work of what she calls "artistic transcendence." Nussbaum also draws our attention to the significance of art in education, where 'the artist's fine-tuned attention and responsiveness to human life is paradigmatic of a kind of precision of feeling and thought that a human being can cultivate.' Reflections like Nussbaum's urge us to understand the integral significance of art in life and society as a locus of a different way of seeing, envisioning and relationship. Art here constitutes a source of utopian imagination and possibility in self, culture and society—a dimension which has been cultivated by movements such as the cultural and artistic movements of avart-garde in modernity.

Social Theory and Asian Dialogues: Cultivating Planetary Conversations. Palgrave Macmillan. Singapore. 2018

There is much talk about globalization of sociology but there is very little concrete effort to bring sociology and social theory into mutually transforming dialogues involving cultural

presuppositions about self, culture and societies from various locations and traditions of our world. In this essay, an attempt has been made to bring certain strands in Euro-American social theory in dialogue with some Asian traditions of thinking and being. The essay discusses self, Confucianism, dynamic harmony and post-colonialism as part of this broader field of social theory and Asian dialogues.

Lokasamgraha (in Odia). Bhijamati. 2017

Lokasamgraha is an important invitation for self, social and cosmic transformation from the Indic tradition and it appears briefly in Srimad Bhagbad Gita twice. It is usually translated as well-being of all but it also refers to the process of gathering — gathering or collecting of loka — people. It is creative and critical gathering of people and the accompanying process of mutual care that leads to well-being of people. As a process of gathering it is not just confined to the public, the public sphere — or public political processes. It also involves in an integrally inter-linked manner gathering of soul — *atmasamgraha*. *Lokasamgraha* and *atmasamgraha* — gathering of soul and people — lead to a creative gathering of society not just as a mechanical entity but as a living process of critique, creativity and transformation. It also leads to creative regeneration of commons and a cosmic mobilization of energy. As K.B. Rao writes: "If the term Samgraha is taken as a verb, it stands for the act or process. But taken as a noun it stands for Reality in its dynamic Being." Lokasamgraha challenges us to realize that our life, self, society and the world have a cosmic dimension and our cosmos is not just a dead entity but a living evolving process. *Lokasamgraha* challenges us for a transformation of our cosmology from a mechanical one to a living and a spiritual one. *Lokasamgraha* is not confined among human beings, it includes all beings and therefore challenges us to go beyond an anthropocentric concept of welfare and to "widen the implications of loka-samgraha to cover the universal order of Being" (Rao 2016). *Lokasamgraha* challenges us to realize well-being and happiness for all but for this we are all invited to be creative in our strivings and struggles and it cannot be left to the others, society and state. At the heart of Lokasamgraha is care and responsibility which connects the vision and practice of Lokasamgraha in the Western political traditions such as in the works of Hannah Arendt and in the Chinese philosophy of Tian-Xia—All Under Heaven. Lokasamgraha challenges us not only to maintain the world but to uphold it. This upholding is crucially dependent upon right living in self and society which is facilitated by appropriate social policy and public actions as well as by the strivings and preparation of the soul. It also challenges us to regenerate our earth by planting new seeds and trees of life in the landscape of despair and destruction, especially of climate change.

New Springs of Solidarity: Beyond Fear and Trembling. *Gandhi Marg*. 38 (3&4). 2017

In the wake of terrorist killings in Paris and San Bernadino, California in November 2015 where shooters came from radical Islamic ideology with affiliation to ISIS, there is a growing Islamophobia in America. But while politicians such as then Presidential Contender and now US President Donald Trump is advocating for banning Muslim immigrants from entering the US and for profiling Muslim Americans, President Barack Obama in his address to the Nation said on Dec 6 2015 said: "We can not turn this to a war between America and Islam. This reflects a small bud of spring in contemporary American political climate as the media is dominated by Islamophobia. But in many communities new springs of solidarity are blossoming and flowing. On December 13, 2015 there was a such a spring of solidarity at Islamic Center in Antioch,

California in which I was so fortunate to take part. The Islamic Center is part of the local mosque here. The mosque was attacked a few years ago and at that many leaders from other religions such as Rev Will McGarvey of Contra Cost County Inter-faith council had come out in solidarity with our Muslims sisters, brothers and children here. McGarvey was there in that afternoon too as one of the main organizers of this meeting of solidarity. This article describes this event and wider issues of fear and solidarity associated with this.

Poetics of Development. *International Journal of Social Quality*. 36(1). 2017

Development is a multi-dimensional aspiration, struggle, sadhana (striving) and process of change and transformation. So far mainstream discourse and practice of development mainly focuses on what can be called the prose of development: the hardcore and hardware issues of economics, politics and infrastructure and rarely explores the subtler dimension of development. Discourse of development is too prosaic and there is very little poetry in the mood and methods of the advocates, engineers and executives of development. While there is some effort in exploring and reflecting upon the pathways like art and development, there is very little effort in exploring poetics of development. Such an exploration includes exploring new visions of human development and earth realization coming from many traditions of poetry from classical to the contemporary.

Rakta Bina Kana Nahi Bata? (Is there no way except blood?). Katha Katha Kabita Kabita Puja Special. October 2017

This essay discusses the challenge of blood, killing and violence in mythology, culture, literature and society and explores if there are some alternatives to it.

K. Jafar

Education and Its Discontents: Investigating Barriers to Schooling among De-notified and Nomadic Communities. *Journal of Social Inclusion Studies*. 4/1. July 2018

This article is based on a study carried out between 2013 and 2015 in nine states in Central and Southern India on socio-economic status and educational attainment among the de-notified, nomadic and semi-nomadic communities. The primary objective of the study covering 76 communities and 13,020 households was to track the barriers to educational attainment and the specific linkages between socio-economic status and education among these communities.

MGNREGS, SHGs and Women Empowerment: The Dynamic Role of Migration and Culture in Kerala. Academic Foundation. New Delhi. 2017

By guaranteeing hundred days of wage-employment in a financial year, MGNREGA enhances the livelihood security of people in rural areas. Though the programme has general guidelines to be followed across the states, diverse nature of each state resulted in sharp differences in its implementation and effectiveness locally. For instance, in Kerala – with relatively high level of human development and educated workforce – the participation in MGNREGS is largely limited among women. High incidence of migration, particularly among the male workforce, seems to contribute to this pattern and thus very few married women from the migrant households and Gulf-wives engage in jobs carried through MGNREGS. It may be argued that they receive remittance money and the family may not encourage them to do such jobs. In a Muslim majority district like Malappuram, the relative absence of Muslim women from the MGNREGS works indicates the possibility of cultural and institutional factors in affecting the participation. The paper

also tries to see women's engagement in SHGs – as one of the key implementing agencies and groups of beneficiaries – in reflecting these factors and finds reinforcing each other.

A. Kalaiyarasan

NEET Could Undo Tamil Nadu's Achievements in Public Health, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.52 Issue No. 358, September 2017

NEET-Tamil Nadu has performed well in most health indicators because of creative technical intervention in the state has been coupled with social mobilization. The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) has the potential to reverse past achievements – the innovative reservation policies and the incentive structure which ensured a seamless flow of health personnel in rural areas.

Karen Coelho

Long-term Implications of Humanitarian Responses: The Case of Chennai. International Institute for Environement and Development (IIED). London. November 2017

Following the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004, Tamil Nadu lost about 8,000 people and the lives and livelihoods of over 897,000 families were affected. In 2015, Chennai, the capital city of Tamil Nadu, was brought to a standstill by floods which killed 289 people, left 1,000 injured, and damaged property and livelihoods worth $2.2 billion. These extreme events and others, such as the 2003–04 drought and the 2016 cyclones, mobilised humanitarian action from a range of actors in Chennai. This study examines how humanitarian responses and post-disaster relocations fit into the wider development vision of large and fast-growing metropolises such as Chennai.

Kripa Ananthpur

From Panchayats to Parliament. Routledge. New Delhi. 2018

Parliament is considered to be the cornerstone of democracy. The process through which this democracy is deepened and institutionalized at the grassroots is through local governments, described in India as Panchayati Raj Institutions created as part of democratic decentralization through the Seventy-Third Amendment of the Constitution in 1993. India has one of the most elaborate provisions for local governments in its Constitution, yet there is very little literature that explores the interface between these two institutions. In general it is assumed that in a federal system the interface between the highest policymaking body in the country and the lowest self-governing units should be minimal but the reality is more complex. This exploratory essay attempts to unpack and understand the complexities that drive the interface between parliament and local governments in India both from a theoretical perspective as well as from a practical standpoint.

The Anatomy of Failure: An Ethnography of a Randomized Trial to Deepen Democracy in Rural India. *World Development*. November 2017

Programs that induce citizen participation to improve the quality of government at the local level are the subjects of large amounts of funding and intense debate. This paper combines a randomized control trial of a citizenship training and facilitation program in rural India, with an in-depth, four-year, ethnography of the intervention to understand the underlying mechanisms of change. The quantitative data show no impact from the intervention. Household and village

survey data from 100 treatment and 100 control villages shows considerable improvement across a wide variety of governance and participation indicators over time, but the differences in the changes between treatment and control villages are not statistically significant. The detailed qualitative data from a ten per cent subsample allow us to unpack the reasons why the intervention "failed" highlighting the role of variations in the quality of facilitation, lack of top-down support, and difficulties with confronting the stubborn challenge of persistent inequality. However, the qualitative investigation also uncovered subtle treatment effects that are difficult to observe in structured surveys. The paper thus demonstrates that a concerted effort to use "thick description" to uncover process of change using careful and detailed qualitative work can add value to standard impact evaluations.

To Drink or Not to Drink is Not the Question – For a Comprehensive Liquor Policy.*Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol.53 Issue No.3. January 2018

Prohibition resurfaced as a major political issue, with the December 2016 Supreme Court judgment banning liquor sales within 500 metres of highways to counter drunken driving. However, the issue of alcoholism is complex and requires the framing of a comprehensive liquor policy that regulates, rehabilitates, and refocuses on the importance of awareness creation.

C. Lakshmanan

Anitha's Suicide over NEET Highlights why Centre can't Impose Policies on Tamil Nadu, *The Print*. https://theprint.in/?s=anitha. 5 September 2017

Arguments about merit are often used as a political weapon to control, suppress and degrade people from underprivileged sections of society. The stand by the government and the Supreme Court stifled a young genius like Anitha. In a state whose political legacy of identity politics is steeped in Tamil sub-nationalism, reservations, assertion of state autonomy and resisting imposition of Hindi language, this suicide resonates widely. The late chief minister M. G. Ramachandran was strongly opposed to the interference of the Centre in matters related to education and health. Former chief minister J. Jayalalitha had opposed NEET. The imposition of NEET as a single elimination process in the country with its vast diversity is absurd, violates states' autonomy and the principles of reasonable decentralization. Does NEET uphold merit? Does NEET stand for fairness and equity? Is it the push for homogenization?

Why Everyone Should Read *My Father Baliah*, http://thelede.co.in/why-everyone-should-read-my-father-baliahby-c-lakshmanan/, 20 January 2018

A small unintended spark may result in radical transformation in the structure of family, society and polity. Changes in material wellbeing and mindset would not be possible without consistent and uncompromising struggle. The spark that lit Narasiah, Baliah's grandfather, a Madiga (shoemaker caste), was when he affectionately gave a specially made shoe to Nawab Mir Tahaniat Ali Khan Afzal ud Daulah, the Nizam of Deccan in the early 19th century. In return, the Nawab gifted 50 acres of land. From then on the determination to achieve a life with self-respect and dignity began. In fact, this forms the integral part of the story that provides a clear message on how to swim against the current in an extremely segmented caste society. The tales of hard work of an illiterate grandfather and the semi-literate father of the author is meant to give confidence and hope to the millions of the oppressed classes.

Shashanka Bhide

Shashanka Bhide, V. Balasubramanyam and K.L. Krishna. 2017. Future of India's Services Growth, Potential and Constraints, Summary and Key Messages from the International Conference, held on Jan 3-4, 2017. MIDS. Chennai

Services have played a unique role in sustaining India's economic growth momentum throughout the period since the 1970s, when the annual average growth rate of services exceeded the growth rate of industry. Services contributed less than 45 per cent of average annual increase in GDP in the 1970s, 49 per cent in the 1980s. In the first decade of the 21st century, services have contributed 63 per cent of the growth in India's GDP. There are clearly some concerns regarding whether the growth momentum of the services sector can be sustained in the coming three decades to push India's overall per capita income levels from the current $1,500 to about $8,000 in the next thirty years, the level enjoyed by China today. There is also disquiet on some of the characteristics of India's services growth. The impressive economic growth has not been translated into growth of employment on such a scale, especially in the sectors where output growth has been high. There is also a concern that the economy may not be benefitting from the growth of services to an extent that it could: the comparative advantage of modern services sectors is not leading to an advantage for manufacturing exports. Nevertheless, services growth, aided by the even more impressive rise of Information and Communication technologies and their applications to other sectors promises to play a significant role in supporting the sustained growth of the economy. The summary of the proceedings of the conference presented here covers a number of issues ranging from sustainability of services sector growth, employment and equity issues as they relate to services sector growth and policies in the context of the transformation of the economy in which service sector has overtaken industrial sector at an early stage of economic development.

C. Rangarajan and Shashanka Bhide. 2017. A Way to Manage Falling Prices of Pulses. *Economic Developments in India*, Vol. 234. Edited by Uma Kapila. Academic Foundation. New Delhi

Agricultural production and productivity have increased over the years, most impressively during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period when the GDP from agriculture and allied sectors increased by almost 4% per year. The growth rate slackened subsequently and there were also significant year-to-year fluctuations. Output growth fluctuations were also followed by sharp price fluctuations. Food inflation was persistent, led sometimes by fruits and vegetables, sometimes by pulses and generally by livestock products such as milk. The more recent experience has been that of output prices not being remunerative to farmers when output increases. How should this issue be addressed? There are several suggestions, including legislating some minimum support prices for some farm commodities. This paper examines the case of pulses, where a sharp increase in output in 2016-17, led to a sharp drop in prices. The paper argues that a limited procurement of pulses in the years when output increase is steep, may ease the distress of farmers.

Shesadri Banerjee

Micro-level Price Setting Behaviour in India: Evidence from Group and Sub-group Level CPI-IW Data (with Rudrani Bhattacharya, NIPFP). *National Institute of Public Finance and Policy*. New Delhi. December 2017

In the contemporary literature on macroeconomics, the mainstream frameworks for policy

evaluation have recognized the significance of price rigidities emerging from the micro-level pricing behaviour of firms for explaining the short- and medium-run effects of monetary policy interventions. In this study, we evaluate stickiness in price adjustment for the aggregate Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) and its major components in the context of Indian economy. Our findings broadly suggest greater monthly frequency of price changes and lower duration of price spell for food group, compared to non-food group. After controlling for small price changes due to sector-specific idiosyncratic shocks, stickiness in price adjustment increases drastically for food components, corroborating to the high inflation persistence observed in the food sector in India in the recent past. We also find evidence of exogenous versus menu-cost driven pricing behaviour in India.

A Monetary Business Cycle Model for India (with Chetan Ghate, ISI Delhi; Parantap Basu, University of Durham; Pawan Gopalakrishnan, RBI; Sargam Gupta, ISI Delhi). Centre for Economic Growth and Policy. Durham, UK. March 2018

We build and calibrate a New Keynesian monetary business cycle model for the Indian economy to understand why the aggregate demand channel of monetary transmission is weak. Our main finding is that base money shocks have a larger and more persistent effect on output than an interest rate shock, as in the data. We show that financial repression, in the form of a statutory liquidity ratio and administered interest rates, does not weaken monetary transmission. This is contrary to the consensus view in policy discussions on Indian monetary policy. We show that the presence of an informal sector hinders monetary transmission.

Role of Financial Frictions in Monetary Policy Transmission in India (with Harendra Behera, RBI; Sanjib Bordoloi, RBI; and Rakesh Kumar, RBI). Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai. March 2018

One of the well-documented stylized facts on Indian macroeconomy is the weak and incomplete transmission of monetary policy. In view of the empirical evidence from literature (Kletzer 2012; Mishra et al. 2016), the paper examines whether the frictions of the bank-led credit market can explain such low pass-through of monetary transmission mechanism. It addresses the research question using a New Keynesian business cycle model (Gerali et al. 2010, Anand et al. 2014) with Indian-economy-specific features of liquidity-constrained population, competitive labour market and statutory requirements of the bank. It incorporates a variety of real and nominal shocks to the prototype economy in order to replicate the business cycle properties and quantify the variance decomposition of shocks. Combining the methods of calibration and estimation, the baseline parameterisation is configured and validated with second order moments of the data. The model explains the comovements of interest rates, incomplete pass-through and adjustment mechanism of the real, nominal and financial variables for a positive interest rate shock. Further, it identifies the critical role of liquidity-constrained and collateral-constrained households, and interest rate rigidity in the transmission process.

K. Sivasubramaniyan

Enduring Farmers' Club Programme in Tamil Nadu. Proceedings of the International Conference on Development Economics Volume – I, Post-Graduate & Research Department of Economics, Ethiraj College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai. September 2017

In recent years, performance of Indian agriculture has been moving below the expected level, which happens due to several factors apart from the natural factors such as rainfall and climatic

conditions. Although technological improvement started even in the mid-sixties such as the Green Revolution, but it has not been sustained over the decades. As a result, although overall agricultural production has been increasing due to expansion of area under cultivation and increase of area brought under irrigation, the prosperity of farmers could not be seen. Further, the productivity growth of many crops in India is still low. Also, it is many times below the average of most leading countries of world (India's rice productivity rank was 60 and wheat productivity rank was 56 in 2014). Consequently, farmers could not reap adequate profit in cultivation due to sale values of output not being commensurate with the amount spent for the production of output of that crop, leading to poor living conditions of farmers in all parts of our country. Also, suicides of farmers are also reported in many parts of the country. To help farmers stabilize their agricultural output as well as avail other credit / technology gains from agriculture, NABARD initiated Vikas Volunteer Vahini which has late renamed Farmers Club Programme (FCP) in 2005 with the inclusion of functional role as technology, market and credit counselling. This paper, mainly focuses on the structure functioning and impact of FCP in Tamil Nadu and makes suggestions for redesigning the policy guidelines of FCP for its better functioning in future.

Commercialization of Agriculture, *Rural Infrastructure in India – Issues and Prospects*, K.S. Lakshmi, Hemavathi Sekar, N. Padma, J. Sumitha Princess, Allied Publishers, New Delhi, 2017.

Commercialisation of agriculture is a phenomenon where agriculture is governed by commercial consideration, in which certain crops' output is not available for consumption purpose but only used for sale. In India, commercialization of agriculture began in 1813 and reached a peak in 1860 during the British rule. The main crops traded for this purpose were cotton, jute, indigo, tea and coffee, rubber, sugarcane, groundnut, and tobacco. Now, commercialization of agriculture is an inevitable reality. There are a number of factors such as rapid growth of economies, introduction of new technologies, market expansion and liberalization, urbanization, rapid increase in demand for food, decrease in farm population, bilateral and multilateral economic agreements, developed infrastructure facilities etc., affect the commercialization of agriculture. Since the middle of the twentieth century, farmers in most countries have moved towards commercial agriculture. Their major objective was surplus production aimed at market prospects. Since commercialized agriculture is different from subsistence farming, it concentrates mostly on the resource-rich big farmers initially, with favourable environmental conditions and high socio-economic status. However, in recent decades, by using improved technologies farmers have moved towards commercial agriculture without considering the size of land. Under protected agriculture, farmers follow concepts of commercial agriculture such as livestock farming, poultry farming, pig farming, inland fisheries etc., which do not rely on the farm size. In the present circumstance, to fulfil many aims such as reducing rural poverty, improved livelihoods for rural households and increasing the overall production and contributing to foreign exchange earnings from exports it needs be seen to what extent commercialisation of agriculture is fruitful in Indian context. This paper aims to focus on this issue, especially in Indian context.

Performance of Agriculture in Tamil Nadu and India: A Macro Perspective with Focus on the Role of Irrigation. *Role of Public Policy in Development Process: Emerging Socioeconomic Scenario in the Indian Economy.* Niti Mehta and Anita Arya, Academic Foundation. New Delhi. 2018

In India, the trend in growth of agriculture stagnated till Independence, but subsequently, it gained a steady upward momentum since the beginning of planned economic development. In

the first half of 20th century, growth of crop production was observed at an average rate of less than one per cent per annum, which was lower than the rate of population growth. However, in the latter half of the century, the average output growth has been recorded about 2.4 per cent, which was higher than the population growth. Major factors contributing for the differential growth in agriculture during the period between the pre and post-independence in States like Tamil Nadu and India, include the expansion of area under cultivation and increase in crop yields respectively. Despite provision of several incentives in agricultural sector such as adoption of mechanization, subsidized inputs, assured marketing and remunerative prices since the last few decades, the changes in expansion of cultivable area has not been found encouraging but the increasing trend in crop productivity prevailed due to development of irrigation facilities and adoption of Green Revolution technology. As against this background, the paper attempts to make a trend analysis on the growth of agriculture in Tamil Nadu and India, during the period between 1950-51 and 2010-11, covering the variables viz., area under cultivation, area under foodgrains production, and the extent of area under irrigation. Also, similar analysis has been made on the growth in area, production and yield of food crops covering rice and wheat crops in both Tamil Nadu and India over the same period. Further, a comparative trend analysis of yields of rice and wheat crops in India and developed countries is also made to ascertain the low level of productivity in India and to suggest policy measures towards sustaining a positive growth trend in agricultural sector in Tamil Nadu and India.

Irrigation Infrastructure Development in Tamil Nadu: With Special Reference to Rural Infrastructure Development Fund. *International Research Journal of Human Resources and Social Sciences*, Volume 4, Issue 8, August 2017

That irrigation is the sine-quo-non for agricultural development, especially in India is beyond doubt. Although three important sources – canals, tanks and wells – contribute for the development of the irrigation sector, the combined effect of these sources is not satisfactory. This is because, irrigation performance requires a multitude of efforts starting from the beneficiary farmers to managing the larger irrigation system by the state functionaries such as the Public Works Department. In the case of common source irrigation systems such as canal and tank irrigation, users' participation has been gradually diminishing in the last few decades. Consequently, the maintenance and management part of the system became weak leading to poor performance of irrigation. In this context, to develop irrigation system in Tamil Nadu, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has funded, through Rural Infrastructure Development Fund, to develop a few canal and tank irrigation systems in Tamil Nadu. To what extent this funding helped to achieve the distributional efficiency and productivity efficiency of irrigation systems is briefly discussed in this paper. The outcome of the project shows that poor involvement of beneficiaries in the upkeep of the system and poor functioning of irrigation institutions led to average outcome from the investments undertaken in irrigation projects.

Sectoral Contribution and Their Relevance in India: With Special Reference to Three South Indian States, *International Journal of Research*, *GRANTHAALAYAH*, Vol. 4, Issue 9. September 2017

A majority of the countries in the world have been functioning with involvement in one or more of the three sectors of the economy such as agriculture, industry and services. In India, a large proportion of population live in poverty due to low level of skill development and are unable to take advantage of available employment opportunities in the three sectors of the economy.

Proper skill training not only benefits the workforce and allows it to earn a decent living, but also contributes to the national economy by enhancing better productivity through the work force. Although India is an agricultural country, its importance in terms of giving employment and to generate adequate income to people engaged in the sector has been gradually and steadily declining over time. Consequently, industry and service sectors have been absorbing the displaced agricultural population to some extent. To what extent the three sectors help people to get employment and earn income for their livelihood in India, especially in the four southern states of India, is discussed in the paper.

Tank Irrigation in Tamil Nadu: with Special Reference to Palar Anicut System. *Journal of Social and Economic Studies* (ANSISS–Patna). XXVII No. 1. November 2017

The paper examines the pattern of agriculture and the characteristics and conditions of water supply in the Palar Anicut System (PAS) between 1906 and 2016. General features of tanks served by the system is discussed in relation to size of ayacut and storage capacity of tanks. Major factors determining the realisation of water and its discharge from the Anicut are identified by using multiple regression analysis. The results indicate that the available water supply at the Anicut has not been diverted equitably among the four main channels. Diverted Anicut supply is more favourable in the northern section channels than the southern section and this is due to defective intake point coupled with poor infrastructural facilities. The paper suggests that the PAS could be improved if the physical facilities (inlet channels, bunds, channel beds, sluices) are properly maintained, if necessary be modernized; and officials are given proper training to effectively monitor and manage the water flows at the Anicut.

L. Venkatachalam

Nayanatara S. Nayak, Fahimuddin, Indranil Bose, Karabi Majumdar, L. Venkatachalam and Narasimha Reddy. 2017. Coping with the Loss of Bidi Employment: Voices of Bidi Rollers in India. *Health for Millions*. 43 (1&2): 17- 21

Bidi rolling is an income-generating activity especially for the poor in India; around 4.5 million people, mainly women, are engaged in this activity in India. Though the government has announced many welfare programmes for bidi rollers, majority of them have not benefitted from these programmes since a large number of the workers are unorganized. In recent years, bidi rolling activity has been declining due to government initiatives towards controlling tobacco use in the country and as a result, employment opportunities are also coming down adversely affecting the poorer section of the society involved in this industry. In this context, the present study aims at assessing the wage pattern and livelihood status of the bidi rollers in five states – Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. A sample of 1,000 bidi roller and non-roller households have been randomly selected for the study. The survey results revealed that the earning of the bidi rolling households, on an average, is lesser by 5%, compared to non-bidi rolling households. In Madhya Pradesh, the bidi rolling households are found to earn 60% lesser than non-bidi rolling households. But, in UP and West Bengal, bidi rolling households earn more than their counterparts. The results also reveal that 41% of the households are willing to move towards other jobs whereas the remaining 59% does not want to do so due to lack of alternatives. The study concludes that livelihood conditions of bidi rollers are poorer than that of non-bidi rollers and therefore, skill development and generating alternative employment can benefit bidi rollers in a significant manner in the coming years.

L. Venkatachalam and Kulbhushan Balooni. 2018. Water Transfer from Irrigation Tanks for Urban Use: Can Payment for Ecosystem Services Produce Efficient Outcomes?. *International Journal of Water Resources Development*. 34 (1): 51- 65

Many Indian states have begun to transfer water meant for irrigation to non-agricultural purposes, but the economic and environmental consequences are not yet adequately understood. Transfer of water out of waterbodies from rural areas not only reduces the economic welfare of traditional water users but also reduces their incentives to manage these waterbodies on a sustainable basis. The study explores the possibility of introducing the mechanism of 'payment for ecosystem services' at the grassroots level in the Indian context as a return for reallocation of water from irrigation to urban uses so that it can produce a non-zero-sum outcome for villagers, farmers, urban consumers and governments.

L. Venkatachalam and Kulbhushan Balooni. 2018. Payment for Ecosystem Services to Sustain Kudimaramathu in Tamil Nadu. *Economic and Political Weekly*, LIII (6): 21-23

The Tamil Nadu government is attempting to revive the institution of kudimaramathu by leveraging a scheme sponsored by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development to rejuvenate small waterbodies in the state. How a payment for ecosystem services system can incentivise village panchayats to engage in tank management and, in turn, ensure sustainability and longevity of the community-based programme beyond the life of the project is explored in the paper. The paper concludes that while implementing the NABARD-assisted kudimaramathu scheme in Tamil Nadu, as in the case of similar water conservation programmes in the country, policymakers could envisage a PES scheme that involves panchayats along with other stakeholders – water users, NGOs, researchers, businesses, and the government – to conserve and manage the waterbodies on a sustainable and enduring basis. Employing PES at the grassroots level has the potential to produce efficient outcomes in the area of sustainable water management in the coming years (and in a more market-driven economy).

A.R. Venkatachalapathy

Who Owns that Song?: The Battle for Subramania Bharati's Copyright. Juggernaut Books. New Delhi. 2018

A contemporary of Rabindranath Tagore and one of the greatest Tamil poets, Subramania Bharati belongs to the legion of artists who remain unrecognized during their lifetime but go on to gain enormous fame later. In 1921, When Bharati died in poverty, his unlettered young widow, Chellamma, sold his works to his half-brother. But in the wake of the freedom struggle, along with the music boom launched by gramophone records and the rise of the talkies, Bharati's songs became commercially valuable. A movie mogul, AV. Meiyappan, bought the rights to Bharati's songs, and when someone else used a Bharati song in his film, AVM sued hm. A controversy followed, and for the first time in the history of literature there was a popular agitation demanding the nationalization of a writer's work. In 1949 the Government acquired the copyright and put it in the public domain. This book narrates this story and makes an important contribution to the understanding of copyright and the cultural issues underpinning it.

U.Ve. Swaminatha Iyer Kaditha Karuvoolam, Vol. 1, 1877–1900. Dr. U.V. Swaminatha Iyer Library. Chennai. 2018

U.V. Swaminatha Iyer (1855–1942) is undoubtedly the single most important scholar-editor of

nineteenth century. In a long editorial career spanning over half a century, Iyer published most of the literary texts that now form the basis for regarding Tamil as a classical language. Iyer was a meticulous scholar and he preserved carefully all the letters that he received from various scholars and admirers systematically. These letters number over three thousand. These letters were written by his teachers, peers, fellow scholars and scholar-editors, students, foreign Orientalists, patrons, philanthropists and others. These documents throw much light on the process by which U.V. Swaminatha Iyer enriched his own scholarship, collected the manuscripts, edited and published them, and is an important source material for the understanding of nineteenth-century cultural history of India. This is the first volume of a projected seven volumes containing the complete correspondence. It has been edited with a long critical introduction, notes, annotations, and index.

From Erode to Volga: Periyar EVR's European Tour, 1932. Routledge. London and New York. 2017

E.V. Ramasamy Naicker (1879–1973), better known as 'Periyar', is an iconic figure in the history of Tamilnadu, south India. In a long life that straddled two centuries, Periyar made a decisive impact on the social and political life of Tamilnadu. In December 1931, Periyar set out on a world tour that lasted for a year. He was fifty years old then, and had recently left the Congress, to lead a movement that sought the annihilation of both caste and religion. Periyar's tour took him to Soviet Russia via Colombo, the Suez, Cairo, Athens, and Constantinople. He spent over three months in Soviet Russia, meeting up with party apparatchiks, atheist organizations, and state officials. Periyar then headed to Berlin, interacted with the League Against Imperialism, and spent time among Nudist activists. In Britain he participated in a number of working class protests. The years after his return saw possibly the only time in the history of Tamilnadu when Left ideas joined hands with a radical social emancipatory anti-caste movement. Drawing from a larger biographical study, this paper focuses on a hectic and event-packed year in the long life of Periyar, approximately in his mid-career, to explore the impact that movement across spaces, and the power of ideas had as it was refracted through the life and work of an iconoclastic individual.

A Magic System: Print Publics, Consumption, and Advertising in Modern Tamil Nadu. MIDS Working Paper No.230. MIDS. Chennai. 2018

One of the most striking aspects of the proliferation of print in colonial India is the ubiquity of advertisements. But the history of advertising in India remains to be written. This paper is a preliminary attempt to trace the history of print advertising in colonial south India in the context of an emerging public sphere, a fast-expanding culture of print, and the advancement of reprographic and reproductive print technology – all these playing out in the context of a colonial economy and increasing consumption. From rudimentary handbills to the sophisticated colour advertisements of the 1940s this paper provides an interesting account of the early history of print advertisement based on scattered and tantalizing bits of information.

From *Pulavar* to Professor: The Professionalization of Tamil Teachers'. German Historical Institute. London. 2018

This paper traces the changing status of Tamil pulavars, or pandits, in colonial Tamilnadu. Pulavars first encountered colonial modernity through the College of Fort St George, where civil servants were trained in Indian languages. Following Macaulay's 'Minute on Education' of 1835, the policy of imparting Western education undermined the status of language teachers. Hierarchizing

languages as 'classical' and 'vernacular' further impacted the professionalization of Tamil teachers. Pulavars received substantially lower salaries, and could not hold administrative posts. Seen as symbols of a lost world, the carriers of a hidebound tradition, and therefore impediments to modernity, they were objects of ridicule. However, orientalist scholarship empowered the Tamil language, contributing to the formation of a new identity based on language, 'race', and caste: Tamil, Dravidian, and non-Brahmin. Tamil teachers were mobilized by this movement for a new identity – a key moment being the anti-Hindu agitation (1937-39) – which enhanced their social status.

M. Vijayabaskar

The Agrarian Question amidst Popular Welfare: Interpreting Tamil Nadu's Emerging Rural Economy. *Economic and Political Weekly*. 52/46. 2017

Tamil Nadu's emergence as a developmental model rests on its ability to combine economic growth with poverty reduction and high levels of human development. Scholars attribute such outcomes to a set of social policies implemented in response to a long history of "democratic action." It is, however, not clear whether such intervention through social policies can also enable a more inclusive trajectory of economic development. This paper uses the analytical lens of the "agrarian question" to examine this aspect of the state's development. In doing so, the paper argues that while social welfare nets are crucial to negotiate the vulnerabilities of a market-driven growth process and open up new political and economic spaces, they are inadequate in a context where the secondary sector has not been able to absorb labour to the extent anticipated.

El desarrollo de las capacidades en la industria de servicios de software de la India: la formacion de las competencias laborales y el aprendizade de las empresas nacionales en las cadenas de valor in Transformando Las Economias (Spanish). José M. Salazar-Xirinachs, Irmgard Nübler, Richard Kozul-Wright. ILO. Geneva. 2017

It is believed that the spread of information and communication technologies (ICTs), particularly segments like software that rely heavily on human capital investments, offers low-income countries (LICs) an opportunity to 'leapfrog'. A few countries from the low-income world have indeed emerged as relatively successful players in the global market for ICTs. India is definitely one of them. India's growth and presence in global production and trade in information technology (IT) related sectors has been remarkable. The Information Economy Report 2012 states that in the non- OECD world, India has indeed emerged as a very significant player in this sector. The software sector in India has revealed an ability to not only sustain but also to an extent upgrade into more value adding segments of the value chain. Clearly, this phenomenon of upgrading within high-technology global value chains by developing economy firms calls for understanding and explanation. This paper seeks to understand how the various institutional mechanisms, which at the national, chain and firm level have enabled the accumulation of capabilities to upgrade while pointing out the limits to such upgradation.

10. Faculty Participation in Academic Activities

10.1 Paper Presented at Seminars/Conferences/Workshops

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
Ajit Menon (co-authored with Nitin Rai)	Political Ecology of Economic Valuation of Tiger Reserves: Reflections from Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve, Development Convention	ISEC, Bangalore	24-25 April 2018
S. Anandhi	Acharyar's Kulakalvi: Dravidian Common Sense and the Question of National Basic Education, Dravidianism, Nationalism, Federalism: Critical Assessment of 100 Years of Dravidian Movement	Ambedkar University, Delhi and Ashoka University, Delhi, India International Centre, Delhi.	3 January 2018
	Small Acts of Resistance: Caste and the Politics of Difference in Dalit Women's Activism, Doing Ambedkarism Today: Issues of Caste, Gender and Community	Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC), Kolkata.	20 February 2018
	Retrieving Women as Modern Political Subject: A Critical Reading of the Narratives of Egalitarianism in the Feminist Politics of Colonial South India, The Political Fate of Egalitarian Programmes: A Comparison between India and Brazil. (International Seminar)	Max Feber Stiftung Foundation German Humanities Abroad and M.S.Merian –R.Tagore International Centre for Advanced Studies and CSD, Hyderabad, CSD, Hyderabad.	20 March 2018

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
Ananta Kumar Giri	Transforming Caste Domination and the Challenge of Structural Transformations and Transformation of Consciousness: Shankara, Ambedkar and Beyond, International Conference on "Reclaiming Social Justice: Revisiting Ambedkar	Government of Karnakata, Bangalore	21-23 July 2017
	Upholding our World and Regenerating our Earth, Workshop on Loksasamgraha	Indus Business Academy, Bangalore	25 July 2017
	Leaders as Gardeners and Students of Life: Bio-Regional and Atman Planetary Leadership and New Pathways of Philosophy, Poetry and a Meta-Anthropology, Ethics of Leadership and Managment	Indus Business Acadmey, Bangalore	4-5 September 2018
	"Rethinking Dominant Research Methodologies and Transforming Indian Studies", National Seminar on Research Methodology & Hermeneutics Applied in Ancient Indian Knowledge System with Special Reference to Present Bharat Adhyayan (Indic Studies)	Bharatiya Adhyayana Kendra, Benares Hindu University, Varanasi	12-14 September 2017
	Cultivating New Circles of Meaning Generation: The Calling of a New Planetary Lokasamgraha, International National Seminar on "Learning to Be Human For Our Global Times"	CoNurtured by International Council of Research on Value and Philosophy and Georgetown University, Doha, Qatar, Doha, Qatar	14 November 2017
	Rethinking South-South Connections and the Challenges of New Epistemologies and Planetary Conversations, International Workshop on "Emerging Dimensions of South-North and South-South Transnational Connections."	Aalborg University, Aalborg, Denmark	21 November 2017

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
Ananta Kumar Giri	Rethinking Research Ethics: Transforming the Subjective and the Objective and the Calling of Transpositional Subjectobjectivity, International Seminar on "Research Ethics: Uniformity vs Creativity."	Lady Keane College, Shillong	19-20 February 2018
	Circles of Gender Liberation, Workshop on Gender Liberation	Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai	6 April 2018
	Learning the Art of Wholeness, National Seminar on School Education in 21st Century	SCERT Chattisgargh and ICICI Foundation Raipur, Raipur	10-12 April 2018
	Corporate Spirituality, Workshop on Corporate Social Responsibility	University Dhyanapura, Bali, Indonesia, Bali	3 May 18
	Buddhist Contributions to Human Development: Political Economy, Moral Economy, Moral Sociology and Spiritual Ecology, International Seminar on Buddhist Contributions to Human Development	UN Vesak Celebrations and Mahachulalongkorn University, Ayutha, Thailand	23 May 2018
K. Jafar (co-author)	The Plantation Economy of Assam: A study on Informality and Financial Inclusion, International Conference on "India after 25 years of Economic Reforms: What's achieved? What's ahead?	School of Economics, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod, Kerala	1-3 March 2018
(co-author)	Migration and Urban Informal Labour Market: A Study of Labour Addas in the City of Hyderabad, India, Development Convention 2018 on 'India at Seventy: New Development Challenges'	ISEC, Bangalore	24-25 April 2018
A. Kalaiyarasan	Dravidian Populism: Making of Social Protection in Tamil Nadu, Dravidianism, Nationalism, Federalism: A Critical Assessment of 100 Years of Dravidian Movement	Ashoka University and Ambedkar University, New Delhi	3-4 January 2018

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A. Kalaiyarasan (Co-author)	Dominant Castes, from Bullock Capitalists to OBCs? The Impact of Class Differentiation in Rural India, Situating Knowledge Amidst Change: Political Analysis, India and the Rudolph Legacy	The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia	2-3 February 2018
	Quota Protests: A Manifestation of Agrarian Crisis?, Conference on Economic Theory and Policy	Ambedkar University, New Delhi	9-10 March 2018
	Politics of Welfare: Subnational Differences in Social Outcomes in India, Contrasting Growth and Development in India from National and Subnational Perspectives	Centre for South Asia Studies, CNRI, Paris, France.	4 June 2018
	The Fate of Indian Muslims, India After Four Years of Modi Government	Sciences Po, Paris, France	6 June 2018
Karen Coelho	Understanding Urban Poverty, Slums and Housing in India, Key Issues Lecture Series	Asian College of Journalism, Chennai	4 September 2017
	Geographies of Vulnerability and Risk in Globalizing Cities: The Case of Chennai, Public Seminar Series, School of Urban Planning and Geography	McGill University and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Montreal, Canada	27 September 2017
	New Geographies of Vulnerability in Globalizing Cities: The Case of Chennai, International Development Studies Program Visiting Lecture Series	St.Mary's University, Department of Anthropoligy, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	2 October 2017
	The Canal and the City: Water's Edge Urbanisms in Chennai, River Cities: Water Space in Urban Development and History	Universitas Airlangga and the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Surabaya, Indonesia	11-12 December 2017

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Karen Coelho	Slums, Slum Clearance and Resettlement in Chennai: Histories and Perspectives, Refresher Course: Social and Gender Dimensions of Urban River Restoration	IHS (Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University) and MIDS, Chennai	18 December 2018
Kripa Ananthpur	Caste and the Business of Democracy, International seminar on Change and mobility in contemporary India: Thinking M. N. Srinivas today	ISEC, Bangalore	29 and 30 August 2017
	A View from Below: Mapping Functions, Finances and Functionaries in Rural India, Dissemination workshop on the 5th State Finance Commission Report	MIDS, Chennai	13 November 2017
	Participatory Governance- Democracy Enhancing Last Mile Mechanism, International conference on Economics, Entrepreneurship and Psychology for the Common Good	People's Planet Institute in collaboration with Humanities & Social Sciences Dept, IIT-M & Indo-German Centre for Sustainability, Chennai	10 March 2018
Krishanu Pradhan	India: A Land of Disequilibria and Distress: A Case of Small and Marginal Farmers, ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on "Policy Approaches, Development and State response to Agrarian Crises and Farmer's Distress"	Shri Sant Damaji Mahavidyalaya, Mangalwedha, Sholapur, Maharashtra	8 – 9 December 2017
	Assessment of India's Fiscal and External Sector Vulnerability: A Balance Sheet Approach, MIDS Faculty Seminar	MIDS, Chennai	27 March 2018

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
C. Lakshmanan	Interrogating the Social Justice and Caste-Centric Reservation in India: An Insider Critique, National Seminar on Towards Social Justice: Impact of Positive Discrimination on Marginalized Communities with Special Reference to Scheduled Caste Groups in India	ICSSR North Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong, NEHU Campus, Shillong	21 and 22 September 2017
	Interface of Secularism, Social Justice and Democracy in India, Three Day National Seminar on New Trends in Parliamentary Democracy: The Indian Experience in the Neoliberal Era	K.V. Sukumaran Nayar Chair for Parliamentary Affairs, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Trivandrum	25 and 26 September 2017
	Changing Nature of the Caste Portryals in Contemporary Tamil Cinema: A Critical Reflection", Two-day National Seminar on Viability of Nation State: Issues & Challenge.	CMDR, Dharwad, CMDR, Dharwad	13-14 November 2017
	Reflections on the Objective Condition of a Few Development Programmes: From Tribal Study Notes", Three Day National Seminar on Tribal World and Development: Shifting Boundaries and Contested Terrains	C. Achutha Menon Foundation, Thiruvananthapuram	22 – 24 March 2018
Shashanka Bhide	Invited Paper in the Plenary Session: 'Structure of Poverty, Poverty Dynamics and Poverty Reduction', 18th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Social Science Institutions: Inclusive Development: Perspectives and Policies	Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur and Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, Guntur	4 December 2017

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
Shesadri Banerjee (with Rakesh Arya, RBI; Sanjib Bardoloi, RBI; and Harendra Behera, RBI)	Role of Financial Frictions in Monetary Policy Transmission in India	MIDS, Chennai	2 February 2018
		IIT Kanpur, Kanpur	12 March 2018
		RBI Mumbai, Mumbai	20 March 2018
		IIT Bombay, Mumbai	22 March 2018
		Ashoka University, Sonipat	4 April 2018
		NIPFP, New Delhi	5 April 2018
K. Sivasubramaniyan	In Search of Irrigation Institutions: The Case of Tank Irrigation in Tamil Nadu, National Seminar on Rejuvenate Indian Agriculture for Sustainability	Pragna Bharati, Hyderabad, Pragna Bharati, Hyderabad	23 – 24 September 2017
	Transformed Institutions and Declining Tank Irrigation, MIDS Faculty Seminar	MIDS, Chennai	24 January 2018
	Transforming Aspirational Districts Action Plan (DAP) for Virudhunagar and Ramnad Districts, Presentation of Time-line and Preparation of DAP	SPC, GoTN, Chepauk, Ezhilagam	24 January 2018
	Study on Health, Education and Livelihood Status of Tribal Population in 7 Districts of Tamil Nadu, Final Report Presentation	SPC, GoTN, Chepauk, Ezhilagam	25 January 2018
	Timeline and Draft Template for Transforming Aspirational District Plan for Virudhunagar and Ramnad, Video Conference Presentation to High Level Committee	Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chief Secretary's Conference hall, II Floor, Old Building	2 February 2018

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
K. Sivasubramaniyan	Water Management under Different Conditions: With Special Reference to Mamulnamas, Development Convention 2018	ISEC, Bengaluru	24 – 25 April 2018
M. Umanath	Analysis of Farmers' Decision on Sugarcane Choice and Output Supply, MIDS's Institute Seminar Series	MIDS, Chennai	08 April 2018
L. Venkatachalam	Doubling Farmers' Income: Role of Payment for Agro-Ecosystem Services, 3rd International Dialogue of Himalayan Ecology	Dialogue Highway, Chandigarh, Haryana	15 June 2018
A.R. Venkatachalapathy	Foundations of Tamil Epistemology, Studies in Bhasa Literature: Reflections on Conceptual & Normative Resources	Forum for Contemporary Theory, Vadodora	17–18 November 2017
	The Making of the Tamil Medical Encyclopaedia-Dictionary, The Book Unbound, International Conference on Book History	The British Library, London and Jadavpur University, Kolkata	July 2017
	In Those Days There Was No Coffee for Dalits, Caste-ing Nutrition: The Politics of Food and Health in Modern India	Warwick University, Warwick, UK	22 June 2018
M. Vijayabaskar (with Sylvie Fanchette)	Small Firm Clusters as Employment-centric Urban Models? Insights from a Comparative Analysis of Labour Intensive Cluster Development in India and Vietnam, International Conference on Shared perspectives upon emergent forms of urban densification in Asia: issues of access to resources	Hanoi Architectural University and French Institute of Development Research, Hanoi Architectural University, Hanoi	13 – 16 November 2017

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
M. Vijayabaskar (withSudha Narayanan and Sharada Srinivasan)	Youth in agriculture in India, 24th International Conference of the Agrifood Research Network	SHRC, Canada, Bandung, Indonesia	2 – 5 December 2017
	The Conundrum of Transition Impasse in Tamil Nadu's Development Model, Dravidianism, Nationalism, Federablism: Critical Assessment of 100 Years of Dravidian Movement	Ambedkar University Delhi and Ashoka University, India International Center at Delhi	3 – 4 January 2018
	The Labour Question under Contemporary Agrarian Transition: The Case of Tamil Nadu, Land and Labour Questions in the Global South	Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, SSS, JNU, Sam Moyo African Institute of Agrarian Studies, State Bank of India, Educational Trust, Action Aid India, ICSSR Northern Regional Centre and Agrarian South Network, Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi	21 to 23 February 2018
(with A. Ambarwati, Charina Chazali and Roy Huijsmans) (presented by the last author)	Aspiration, farming and the life course, International conference on Theorising young people's aspirations in a global context	Brunel University, London, Brunel University, London	26 – 28 March 2018
	Emerging Land and Labour Relations in Rural Tamil nadu: Implications for the Agrarian Question, Agrarian Change and Transformation in Post-Reform India: Pathways and Perspectives, (Conference in honour of Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy)	School of Economics, University of Hyderabad, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad	29 – 30 March 2018

10.2 Participation in Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar / Conference / Workshop / Place	Date
Ajit Menon	Lecture	College Faculty and Research: Should It Happen and If So How?, Hindu College, Pattabiram	27 September 2017
	Lecture	Industrializing Backward Cuddalore: Encountering Discursive Development, TISS, Mumbai	9 December 2017
	Chairman	Book Release and Panel Discussion on the book *Alternative Futures:India Unshackled* by Ashish Kothari and K.J. Joy, Authors Upfront, The Barefoot Academy of Governance and MIDS, Chennai	17 February 2018
	Lecture	Manufacturing Consent in SIPCOT, Cuddalore, Programme on Governance and Inclusive Development, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam	13 March 2018
S. Anandhi	Chairperson	MIDS Seminar by Karen Pechillis, A Conjectural History, MIDS, Chennai	17 July 2017
	Discussant and Moderator	Orientation Programme for Faculty and Research Scholars of SC/ST and other marginalized Groups, MIDS-ICSSR, MIDS	26 July 2017
	Guest Lecture	Body Politics and Gender, Critical Thinking Workshop for Medical Professionals, IIT- M and Sri Ramachandra Medical University, Porur Chennai, IIT- M, Chennai	12 October 2017
	Guest Lecture	Caste, Gender and Development in India, ELmhurst College, USA, Study Abroad Programme, ELmhurst College, USA, Study Abroad Programme.Madra Christian College, Tambaram, Madras Christian College	16 January 2018

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S. Anandhi	Guest Lecture	Gender and Caste in Tamil Nadu, 14th Indo-Dutch course on "Eco-system services and coastal zone development", University of Amsterdam along with the Institute for Ocean management, Anna University, Chennai,	5 April 2018
	Adjunct Faculty Lectures	Gender Elective Course – 32 hours with 22 Classes, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai	5 January to 10 April 2018
	Resource Person (Two Lectures)	(1) Neo-Liberalism and the Creation of New Patriarchies (2) Unpacking Gender and Sexu-ally in Work and Labour, Feminist Leadership, Movement Building and Rights Organisation, CREA, USA, Kathmandu, Nepal	17 May 2018
Ananta Kumar Giri	Lecture	Transforming India and Indians: The Challenges of Self-Development, Social Transformations and Planetary Realizations, BAS Crescent University, Chennai, Chennai	24 August 2017
	Keynote Address	With and Beyond A New India Manthan: Swaraj, Satyagraha and the Contemporary Challenges of Self and Social Transformations and the Calling of Planetary Realizations, Program on New Indian Manthan, M.G. University, Kottaya	25 August 2017
	Lecture	The Trilogy on Creative Research during Release of these three volumes, Creative Theory Colloquium Research, India International Center, Delhi, Delhi	5 September 2017
	Lecture	Walking and Meditating with Texts, Movements and Life, Dept of English, Kumayun University, Nainital, Nainital	8 September 2017
	Lecture	Transforming Exclusion and Rethinking Gender Liberation, Center for the Study of Social Exclusion, BHU, Varanasi	15 September 2017

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Ananta Kumar Giri	Lecture	Spiritual Cultivation for Sustainability in Madurai Symposium "Building Resilience for Sustainability", Dhan Foundation, Madurai, Madurai	20 September 2017
	Lecture	the Trilogy on Creative Research, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague	13 November 2017
	Lecture	Weaving New Hats, Heads and Hearts of Love: New Pathways of Mutual Gathering, Community Mobilization and Planetary Awakening, November 19, Integration Council, City of Aarhus, Denmark, Aarhus, Denmark	19 November 2017
	Lecture	Weaving New Hats: Philosophy, Anthropology and Literature, Kalo Folk High School, Kalo, Denmark	26 November 2017
	Workshop	Weaving New Hats, Rukmini Gallery, Lund, Sweden, Lund	27 November 2017
	Lecture	With and Beyond Epistemologies from the South, University of Linkoping, Narkoping	29 November 2017
	Lecture	Transformative Harmony, Dept of Sociology, Gothenburg University, Gothenburg	4 December 2017
	Lecture	Trilogy on Creative Research, Institute of Ethnology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Krakow	7 December 2017
	Lecture	Challenges of Critical and Creative Theorizing and the Global Condition, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin, Berlin	12 December 2017
	Lecture	Trilogy on Creative Research, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Zurich	13 December 2017
	Lecture	Trans-religious Dialogue, Multi-topial Hermeneutics and the Challenges of Global Responsibility, Gregorian Pontifical University, Rome	18 December 2017

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Ananta Kumar Giri	Lecture	Weaving New Hats and Planetary Lokasamgraha, Same, Same	19 December 2017
	Lecture	Literature and Planetary Lokasamgraha, Dept of English, M.S. University Udaipur	20 January 2018
	Lecture	Trilogy on Creative Research, India International Center, Delhi	30 January 2018
	Lecture	Transformative Harmony, TERI University, Delhi	1 February 2018
	Lecture	Beyond Sociology, South Asian University, Delhi	2 February 2018
	Lecture	Rethinking Inter-religious Dialogues, Fireflies Dialogues of Humanity, Bangalore	8-11 February 2018
	Lecture	Release of Books on Creative Research, Cosmopolitanism and Harmony, University of Madras, Chennai	12 February 2018
	Lecture	A New Sociological Imagination, Dept of Sociology, Tripura University, Agartala	16 February 2018
	Lecture	Upholding Our World, Dept of Philosophy, NEHU, Shillong	22 February 2018
	Lecture	Rethinking Public Policy, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun	12 March 2018
	Lecture	Rethinking Relationship and Transformative Harmony, Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, Bhubaneswar	15 March 2018
	Conference on Ecotourism	Eco-Tourism and Multi-topical Hermeneutics, Visvabharati, Shantiniketan	24 – 25 March 2018
A. Kalaiyarasan	Discussant	Muslims in Indian: Trajectories of Marginalization, Sciences Po, Paris, France	5 June 2018

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Karen Coelho	Discussant	Critical Social Science Perspectives: Understanding Theory and Practice, MIDS and ICSSR, Chennai	27 July 2017
	Resource Person	Workshop to write a grant for ESCR/ICSSR call on Urban Transformations in India, University of Sheffield Department of Geography, Sheffield, UK.	3, 4 July 2017
	Panelist	Report Release: From Deluge to Displacement: The Impact of Post-Flood Evictions and Resettlement in Chennai, HLRN (Housing and Land Rights Network) New Delhi and IRCDUC, Chennai	4 August 2017
	Visiting Lecture	Scope and Opportunities in Development Studies, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai	8 August 2017
	Invited Lecture	German Media Ambassadors Program, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai	11 September 2017
	Resource Person and Moderator	Workshop on Urban Equity, School of Urban Planning, McGill University, Montreal, Canada	29 September 2017
	Orientation Lecture	Field Immersion Trip, Urban Fellowship, IIHS (Indian Institute for Human Settlements), Chennai	26 October 2017
	Visiting Lecture for Students of Masters in Architecture Program	Urbanisation in India: Patterns and Dynamics, MEASI School of Architecture, Chennai	4 December 2017
	Chief Guest	Book Launch: *1-800-WORLDS* by Mathangi Krishnamurthi, IIT Madras, Chennai	23 January 2018
	Delivered series of 22 lectures	Course on Urban Studies, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai	February - March 2018
	Lecture	Slums and Resettlement in Chennai, Indo-Dutch course on Coastal Issues in Chennai, Institute of Coastal Management Anna University and University of Amsterdam, Chennai	4 March 2018

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Karen Coelho	Panelist	Summer School: Rejuvenation of Alappuzha Canals: Through Decentralised Solid and Liquid Waste Management, IIT Mumbai and Kerala Institute of Local Administration, Alapuzha	21 May 2018
	Lecture – Qualitative methods	Course: Total Immersion in Finance and Development, IFMR Lead, Sri City	29 June 2018
Kripa Ananthpur	Participant	Cauvery Delta/Wetlands- An investigation in to vulnerability on Land, Water and People, MIDS, Chennai	11 July2017
	Lecture	History of Decentralisation in India, BAMS Academy, Chennai	19 July 2017
	Discussant/ Moderator	Session on ' State, Democracy and Development in India' under the Ph.D orientation programme on Critical Social Science Perspectives: Understanding Theory & Praxis, MIDS/ICSSR, Chennai	28 July 2017
	Discussant on Participatory Planning for Local Governments	UNICEF's consultative meeting on New Horizons: promoting better governance by panchayats in Tamil Nadu', UNICEF, Chennai	31 July 2017
	Invited Participant	Dissemination report on "Public Expenditure on children in Tamilnadu", Madras University, Chennai	21 September 2017
	Presentation	P-Tracking for Village Development Plans in Tamilnadu, State Planning Commission, Chennai	26 October 2017
	Organiser	Workshop on preparing questionnaires for CAPI(Computer Assisted Personal Interviews), MIDS/Survey Research Centre, University of Michigan, Chennai	7 - 8 November 2017
	Organiser	Dissemination workshop on the 5th State Finance Commission Report, MIDS, Chennai	13 November 2017

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Kripa Ananthpur	Participant	P-Tracking High level meeting, Planning & Development Department, GoTN, Chennai	3 January 2018
	Chair	Stella Maris, Chennai	30 January 2018
	Presenter	State Level Coordination Committee on Joint Panel surveys, Planning & Development Department, GOTN, Chennai	28 February 2018
	Expert comments	Seminar on 25 years of Decentralization, KILA, Kerala, Trivandrum	24 April 2018
	Visiting Faculty - 5 Lectures on Qualitative research methods	Summer School for Future Leaders in Development, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University- and IIM-U, Udaipur	18-19 June 2018
Krishanu Pradhan	Invited as Resource Person to deliver a talk in Plenary Session	ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on Policy Approaches, Development and State response to Agrarian Crises and Farmer's Distress, Shri Sant Damaji Mahavidyalaya, Mangalwedha, Sholapur, Maharashtra	8 to 9 December 2017
	Invited to be a judge	The Edwina Memorial Paper Presentation Contest on A Critical evaluation of Process of Production of Capital (Das Capital Vol.1), Department of Economics, Providence Women's College, Kozhikode, Kerala	7 February 2018
	Lecture	Union Budget 2018-19, Department of Economics, Providence Women's College, Kozhikode, Kerala	16 February 2018
C. Lakshmanan	Lecture	Theoretical Perspectives on Research Methodology Workshop, ICSSR, University of Mumbai	28 December 2017

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C. Lakshmanan	Lecture	Dr. Ambedkar & Constitutional Secularism for Women's Rights, National Conference on Thoughts of B. R. Ambedkar and its Relevance to Contemporary Society, ICSSR, Avinshilingam Inst. For Home Science and Higher Education for Women University, Coimbatore	3 March 2018
	Lecture	Class, Caste and Gender Intersectionality: Taking to Curriculum, Interdisciplinary Refresher Course for the College and University Teachers, UGC-HRD Centre, Bharthidasan University, Trichy	27 December 2017
	Discussant/ Panelist	Symposium on Youth Well-being and Health Risk Behaviours Among Youth, Social Work Students' Forum, Department of Social Work, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur	21 March 2018
	Organiser	Five-Day Orientation Programme for Faculty and Ph.D. Scholars of SC/ST and other Marginalized Groups, Critical Social Science Perspectives: Understanding Theories and Praxis, ICSSR Grant, MIDS, Chennai	25 – 29 July 2017
	Organiser	One-Day National Seminar on: Status of SC and ST Sub-Plans in the Post-Planning Commission Period, Research Program of MIDS, Chennai	28 March 2018
	Organiser	Public Lecture: Essence of Diversity in India, by Suraj Yengde, Non-resident fellow with the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at the Hutchins Center, Harvard University, US, Research Program of MIDS, Chennai	7 January 2018

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C. Lakshmanan	Organiser	Seminar, From Bondage to Citizenship: Dalit and African American Mobilization in two Southern Deltas, by Narendra Subramanian, Professor of Political Science, McGill University, Canada & Visiting Professor, Hertie School of Governance, Germany, Research Program of MIDS, Chennai	5 February 2018
	Organiser	Panel Discussion, Talking the Political Culturally: *Kaala* Reel and Real, Research Program of MIDS, Chennai	28 June 2018
Shashanka Bhide	Panel member	Roundtable Discussion on the State of and Outlook for the Economy, *Industrial Economist* Magazine, Chennai	21 October 2017
	Chair of the Session on Livelihood and Employment	18th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Social Science Institutions: Inclusive Development: Perspectives and Policies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur and Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, Guntur	4 December 2017
	Discussant	Release of the Book *Hastening Slowly, India's Industrial Growth in the Era of Economic Reforms* by Suresh Babu, Orient Blackswan, IIT Madras, Chennai	6 December 2017
	Presentation as a Panel member: Role of Structural Transformation of the Economy in terms of Sectors and Implications to Growth in India	100th Annual Meeting of Indian Economic Association, Indian Economic Association, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur	29 December 2017

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Shashanka Bhide	Special Address	National Symposium on Towards a sustainable agriculture in India, Loyola College, Department of Economics, Chennai	14 February 2018
	Organiser	Special Seminar on The Union Budget 2018-19: Implications for the Economy, MIDS, Chennai	16 February 2018
	Panelist	Symposium on Ramrajya: Welfare State and Base of the Pyramid, CK Prahlad Centre for Emerging India, Loyola Institute of Business Administration and Loyola Inclusive Innovation Impact Centre, Chennai	28 February 2018
	Presentation: Poverty reduction and economic growth	Inclusive Economies: A Multi-Dimensional Framework for Understanding, Measuring and Promoting Inclusive Economies, Everett Program for Technology and Social Change University of California Santa Cruz, Program for Environmental and Regional Equity (PERE), University of Southern California and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy	12 – 16 March 2018
	Session Chair	Policy Dialogue on Innovations in Ensuring Remunerative Prices (MSP) to Farmers: Challenges and Strategies, International Food Policy Research Institute, NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi.	23 March 2018
	Organiser	Special Seminar on The State Budget 2018-19: A Discussion, MIDS, Chennai	15 April 2018
	Chair of the Technical Session on Macro-economic Challenges	Development Convention 2018, India at Seventy: New Development Challenges, ISEC, Bangalore	24 April 2018

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Shashanka Bhide	Panelist: Emerging Sectoral Challenges for India and Karnataka	Development Convention 2018, India at Seventy: New Development Challenges, ISEC, Bangalore	25 April 2018
Shesadri Banerjee	Resource Person	Macro-economic Modeling in Economic Policy Making, Reserve Bank Staff College, Chennai, Chennai	09 - 13 April 2018
	Lecture	Introduction to DSGE Models, Department of Economic and Policy Research, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai	17 April 2018
	Resource Person	Monetary Policy Analysis in New Keynesian Framework, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, Kolkata	16 - 18 May 2018
	Resource Person	Monetary Theory and Policy, Reserve Bank Staff College, Chennai, Chennai	18-21 June 2018
K. Sivasubramaniyan	Transforming Aspirational Districts Action Plan (DAP) for Virudhunagar and Ramanatha-puram Districts	Central Defense Minister's Review Meeting – 2 days, District Collectors, Virudhunagar and Ramanathapuram	30 and 31 January 2018
	Panel Member – National Symposium	Towards a Sustainable Agriculture in India, Department of Economics, Loyola College, Nungambakkam Chennai	14 February 2018
M. Umanath	Participant	Network Projects, NIAP-ICAR, New Delhi	30 and 31 August 2017
	Resource person	NSSO data extraction using Stata, Department of Agricultural Economics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	2 May 2018

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L. Venkatachalam	Chair	Technical Session on Applying Theories for Demand and Supply, Workshop on Drafting of Curriculum in Economics, Tamil Nadu State Council of Educational Research and Training, Chennai	21 July 2017
	Resource Person	Environmental Regulation in India, Training Programme for the Indian Economics Service (IES) Officers, Ministry of Finance, GoI and Indian Maritime University, Chennai	28 July 2017
	Resource Person	Market Failure and the Environment, Executive Post-graduate Programme, Indian Institute of Management, Calicut (Cochin Campus), Cochin	3 August 2017
	Resource Person	Estimating the Economic Impact of Environmental Damage: Replacement Cost Approach, Executive Post-graduate Programme, Indian Institute of Management, Calicut (Cochin Campus), Cochin	4 August 2017
	Resource Person	Estimating the Economic Impact of Environmental Damage: Stated Preference Approach, Executive Post-graduate Programme, Indian Institute of Management, Calicut (Cochin Campus), Cochin	5 August 2017
	Resource Person	Market-Based Instruments for Environmental Management: Payment for Ecosystem Services, Executive Post-graduate Programme, Indian Institute of Management, Calicut, Cochin	6 August 2017
	Invited Speaker	Food Wastage and Its Environmental Implications, Meeting of the Nodal Officers under the Working Group on Sustainable Consumption and Production Pattern in Achieving SDGs, State Planning Commission, GoTN, Chennai	23 August 2017

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L. Venkatachalam	Resource Person	Urbanization and the 2015 Floods of Chennai, Visiting Scholars Programme, Biology Fall 2017, North Carolina University, USA, Davidson College, North Carolina, USA and Madras Christian College (MCC), Chennai	1 September 2017
	Lecture	Elements of Doing Research, Visiting M. Phil Scholars from Madras School of Social Work (MSSW), MIDS, Chennai	5 September 2017
	Guest Speaker	India's Agrarian Crisis: An Economic Perspective, Guest Lecture Series, Hindu College, Chennai	6 September 2017
	Panelist	Role of MSMEs in Advancing Sustainable Development Goals, One-Day Conference on Leveraging Research to Promote, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, IFMR-LEAD and Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, GoTN, Chennai	7 September 2017
	Panelist	Panel on 'New India: Growth and Social Change', International Seminar on Leading Socio-Economic Issues in the Making of New India: Challenges, Ways and Means, Indian Economic Association and Department of Economics, Queen Mary's College, Chennai	14 September 2017
	Resource Person	Economic Impact of Chennai Floods in 2015, Visiting Scholars Programme, Biology Fall 2017, North Carolina University, USA, Davidson College, USA and MCC, Chennai	15 September 2017
	Keynote Speaker	Contract Theory: Contributions of Economics Nobel Laureates 2016., Seminar on, ACT NEXT: Nobel Prize in Economics, 2016, Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, Karaikkudi	21 September 2017

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L. Venkatachalam	Resource Person	How to Write Analytical Essays!, Interactive Session with the Civil Service Candidates, Shankar IAS Academy, Chennai	22 September 2017
	Resource Person	Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change, Visiting Scholars Programme, Biology Fall 2017, North Carolina University, USA, Davidson College, USA and Women's Christian College, Chennai, Chennai	5 October 2017
	Resource Person	Agrarian Distress and Food Security in India, Southern Zone Project Partners Meeting, Terre des Hommes, Germany – India Programme, Bengaluru	15 October 2017
	Guest Lecture	Economics Nobel Prize – 2017: Contributions of Prof. Richard Thaler to Behavioral Economics, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur	26 October 2017
	Guest Lecture	Historical Perspectives of Globalisation, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Development Studies, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur	31 October 2017
	Guest Lecture	Neoliberalism, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Development Studies, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur	7 November 2017
	Chair	Session on Perceptions and Behavioral Responses, International Conference on Sustainability, Institutions, Incentives: Voices, Policies and Commitments, Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) and Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Thrissur, Kerala	9 November 2017

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar / Conference / Workshop / Place	Date
L. Venkatachalam	Guest Lecture	Global Economic Crisis, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Development Studies, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur	16 November 2017
	Guest Lecture	Globalisation and Developing Countries, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Development Studies, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur	18 November 2017
	Resource Person	Experimental Methods in Economics, Research Methodology Workshop for M.Phil. Scholars, Malcolm Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust and Department of Economics, University of Madras, Chennai	12 December 2017
	Panelist	Ecosystem Services Approach to Forest Management, Workshop to Discuss the Draft Forest Policy of Tamil Nadu, Care Earth Trust, Chennai	18 December 2017
	Guest Lecture	Prof. Richard Thaler's Contribution to Behavioral Economics, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Aditanar College of Arts and Science, Thiruchendur	20 December 2017
	Special Lecture	Behavioral Economics: A 'Protective Belt' to Neoclassical Economics?, International Conference on "Ecologies of the New Mind, Matter and Body", MES Mampad College, Mambad, Kerala	10 January 2018
	Resource Person	Lecture-1: Role of Theories in Research, Lecture -2: The art of Reviewing the Literature, Research Methodology Workshop, Department of Economics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore	23 January 2018

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar / Conference / Workshop / Place	Date
L. Venkatachalam	Resource Person	Green GDP: The Concept and Application, National Training Programme on "Natural Resource Accounting', International Centre for Environmental Audit and Sustainable Development, Jaipur	6 February 2018
	Inaugural Address	The Art of Publishing in Academic Journals, Workshop on Scholarly Writing, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai	8 February 2018
	Lecture	Market Failure and Internalisation of Externalities, Post-Graduate Programme in Management, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Amritsar	11 February 2018
	Lecture	Market-based Instruments for Environmental Management – Tax and Subsidies, Post-Graduate Programme in Management, IIM, Amritsar	11 February 2018
	Lecture	Market-Based Instruments for Environmental Management – Tradable Permits, Post-Graduate Programme in Management, IIM, Amritsar	12 February 2018
	Lecture	Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) for Environmental Management, Post-Graduate Programme in Management, IIM, Amritsar	12 February 2018
	Resource Person	The Future of Cryptocurrencies, UGC sponsored Seminar on Dimensions of Indian Economy, Department of Economics, New College, Chennai	20 February 2018
	Resource Person	Income Growth and Sustainable Development in India, Conference on India and Global Economy –Issues and Challenges, Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics, D.G. Vaishnav College, Chennai	5 March 2018

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar / Conference / Workshop / Place	Date
L. Venkatachalam	Keynote Address	The 'Rationality Debate' in Economics, Seminar in Honour of Richard Thaler, the Economics Nobel Laureate of 2017, Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Karaikkudi	8 March 2018
	Keynote Address	Economics of Water Management, Seminar on India's Water Crisis and Its Impact, Department of Economics, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli	9 March 2018
	Special Address	What is Behavioral Economics? Economics Association -Valedictory Function, Department of Economics, Vivekananda College, Chennai	20 March 2018
	Special Invitee	Sustainability of Development Networks, International Conference on Science, Technology and Innovation for Development, Global Development Network (GDN), New Delhi	21 March 2018
	Visiting Faculty	Taught a Course on Environmental Management, PG Programme in Management, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK), Kozhikode	January – April 2018
	Lecture	Environmental Management in India: Wetland Management (2 lectures), Fulbright-Alumni Speaker Series Programme (2018), United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), New Delhi and Central University of Kerala, Kasargod, Kerala	9 April 2018
	Lecture	Environmental Management in India: Urban Environmental Issues (2 lectures), Fulbright-Alumni Speaker Series Programme (2018), United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), New Delhi and Amrita University, Kollam, Kerala	10 April 2018

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar / Conference / Workshop / Place	Date
L. Venkatachalam	Lecture	Environment and Sustainable Development in India, Fulbright-Alumni Speaker Series Programme (2018), United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), New Delhi and University of Kerala, Trivandrum, Trivandrum	12 April 2018
	Lecture	Economic Instruments for Environmental Management, Fulbright-Alumni Speaker Series Programme (2018), United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), New Delhi and University of Kerala, Trivandrum, Trivandrum	13 April 2018
	Guest Lecture	Principles of Water Accounting, Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Development Management, TATA-DHAN Academy, Madurai	16 May 2018
	Resource Person	Measuring Sustainable Development of Indian Economy: Role of Green GDP, Refresher Course in Commerce and Business Administration, School of Commerce, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore	19 May 2018
	Resource Person	Impact of Demonitisation on Indian Economy, Refresher Course in Commerce and Business Administration, School of Commerce, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore	1 June 2018
	Chair	Seminar on Economic Impacts, Equity and Sustainability for a Drinking Water Services Improvement: The Case of Hubli-Dharwad by Dr. Zachary Burt, Nehru-Fulbright Scholar, Columbia University, MIDS Seminar Series, MIDS, Chennai	5 June 2018
	Panelist	Behavioral Issues in Farmers' Decision-making Porcess, 3rd International Dialogue of Himalayan Ecology, Dialogue Highway, Chandigarh Haryana	16 June 2018

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar / Conference / Workshop / Place	Date
A.R. Venkatachalapathy	Resource Person	Key Issues, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai	August 2017
	Resource Person	Refresher Course (Tamil), University of Madras, Chennai	23 November 2017
	Resource Person	Refresher Course (Humanities), Bharatidasan University, Trichy	24 November 2017
M. Vijayabaskar	Resource Person	Workshop on 'Transnational Migration from South India', Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	12-14 July 2017
	Resource Person	State Curriculum Development Conference, Government of Tamil Nadu - School Education Department, Chennai	20 July 2017
	The Tamil Nadu Development Experience Model (Lecture)	The Rev.Fr.Oswald Mathias, S.J., Memorial Lecture, Department of Economics, St. Xaviers College, Palayamkottai	4August 2017
	Co-author of a report presented (presented by Celine Rosenblat)	SIRIUS_2: Swiss Indian Research program on the globalization of the Indian Urban Systems, ICSSR and University of Lausanne, Switzerland, Hotel Euler, Basel, Switzerland	4 - 6 September 2017
	Lecture	'Inclusive growth and Jobs challenge', 'Weekly Interactions', Observer Research Foundation (Chennai Chapter), Chennai	9 September 2017
	External Expert and member, Advisory Committee	Urban and Mobility Studies Programme: 1) India's Changing Cityscapes: Work, Migration and Livelihoods; 2) Speculative Urbanism: Land, Livelihoods, and Finance Capital, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore	25 September 2017
	Chairperson and Mentor	5th National Conference Network of Rural and Agrarian Studies (NRAS) on 'Agrarian Transition' and Rural-Urban Linkages in India in the 21st Century, The Network NRAS & Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS), Bhubaneswar, Orissa.	27 - 29 October 2017

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar / Conference / Workshop / Place	Date
M. Vijayabaskar	Panelist for discussion on "Managing Migration"	Conference on Chennai as a Global City with UN-Habitat's Urban Thinkers Campus, The Sustainable Chennai Forum (SCF), Madras Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Raintree, Chennai	9 and 10 November 2017
	Discussant	Workshop on Systematic Review of Effects of interventions and approaches for enhancing poverty reduction and development benefits of 'within country migration' in South Asia, HSS, IIT Chennai, Chennai	13 December 2017
	ICTs and Labour Markets: Some Considerations for Inclusive Growth (Lecture)	2 day National Seminar on "Digital Economy and Development: Opportunities, Impacts and Challenges" at the conference hall, Kanchi Mamunivar Centre for Post Graduate Studies, Puducherry	26 and 27 February 2018
	Panelist for a session on 'Economy, Opportunity and Livelihoods'	National Workshop on "Realising the Right to the City in India, Right to the City Campaign in collaboration with Centre for Urban Policy and Governance, TISS and YUVA, Chicago Center in Delhi, DLF Capitol Point	16-17 April 2018
	Panelist for discussion on Social protection Issues" (with Dr. Gayathri Balagopal)	Special Seminar On Tamil Nadu State Government Budget 2018, MIDS, Malcolm Adiseshiah Auditorium, MIDS	4 May 2018

10.3 Other Academic Activities

Name	Nature of Academic Activity
Ajit Menon	Associate Editor, *Maritime Studies* (Elsevier Journal)
	Associate Editor, *Conservation and Society*
	Refereed one article for *Maritime Studies*
	Refereed one article for *Antipode*
	Refereed one article for *Geoforum*
	Refereed one article for *Conservation Biology*
	Refereed one article for *Forum for Development Studies*
	Refereed one article for *Economic and Political W*
	Re-refereed one article for *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*
	Refereed a PhD thesis from Manipal University
	Refereed a PhD thesis from IIT Bombay
	Conducted a PhD Viva at the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), PhD for Manipal University, April 26, 2018
	Member of a Selection Panel for a post on forest governance at ATREE, April 26, 2018
	Member of DC for Nidheesh Suresh, HSS, IIT Madras (working on fisheries and coastal transformation in Kerala)
	Member of DC for Deepa Kozhissery, HSS, IIT Madras (working on tribal development in Attipaday, Kerala)
	Member of DC for V. Gajendran, HSS, IIT Madras (working on industrialization and land alienation in Sriperumbudur
	Member of DC for Roshini Kutty, ATREE, Bangalore (working on the Forest Rights Act in Karnataka)
	Member of DC for Poorna Balajee, ATREE, Bangalore (working on compensatory afforestation in Odisha)
	Member of DC for Rahul Muralidharan, ATREE, Bangalore (working on small scale fisheries in the Gulf of Mannar
	Member of DC for Prabhakar Jayaprakash, TISS, Mumbai (working on fishing conflict in Palk Bay)
S. Anandhi	Panelist to Discuss the book, *We Who wove with Lotus Thread: Summoning Community in South India* by Aarti Kawlra
	Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Women's Studies, Ethiraj College and Stella Maris College.
	Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Women's Development and Research.

Name	Nature of Academic Activity
S. Anandhi	External Member Board of Studies, RGNYID, Sriperumpudur.
	Member Doctoral Committee for the following students at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Madras, Chennai: Aswathi Karthi, Aniket Nandan, Banti Deori, Sheeja Rajagopal, Manoj Parameswaran, Unnimaya Kurup, Chandini Syam
	Member, Doctoral Committee for, T. Anthony Sagayaraj, Department of Social Work, Madras School of Social Work.
	Member, Doctoral Committee of for M. Kamatchi, Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Trichirapally.
	Evaluated two Ph D thesis and one M Phil dissertation of scholars from the Department of Community Health and Medicines, Centre for Political Studies, and the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
	Conducted a Viva Voce Examination for a thesis submitted at the Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
	Peer-reviewed an article for *Review of Development and Change* (16 December 2017).
	Peer-reviewed two working papers for Madras Institute of Development Studies. (January–February 2018).
	Peer-reviewed an article for the journal *Bio-societies - A Springer Journal*. (18 April 2018).
	Peer reviewed an article for *Contribution to Indian Sociology*. (March 5th 2018).
	Peer-reviewed an Article for a special Volume on South Asia Conference Volume on Cultural Productions from Gender Perspective by WERC, Coloumbo, Srilanka. (24 March 2018).
	Peer-reviewed an Article for the journal *History Compass – A Wiley Blackwell Journal*. (18th January 2018).
	Peer-reviewed an Article for the journal *American Ethnologist* – (7 July 2018).
K. Jafar	Published Reports: 'Socio-Economic Status and Educational Attainment and Challenges of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes: A study of (a) Western & Northern States - Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh (b) Southern States - Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & Puducherry' Final consolidated report revised, compiled and edited by Kalpana Kannabiran, Sujit Kumar Mishra, Soumya Vinayan and K. Jafar. Council for Social Development, Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad July 2017

Name	Nature of Academic Activity
K. Jafar	Evaluated and acted as external Viva Examiner for three MA dissertations submitted at School of Livelihoods and Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad (21 April 2018) As a part of the research team at MIDS, contributed the section on 'education' in 'Transforming Aspirational Districts-District Action Plans 2018-2022' for Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar Districts' Tamil Nadu (submitted to the State Planning Commission 2018). Guidance for Internship student: S. Dharini, Integrated MSc. Economics of the Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur (1-30 June 2018)
Karen Coelho	Reviewed an article for *Oxford Development Studies* Refereed a book chapter for an edited book by a geographer from Australia A study report on law and housing for NALSAR External Examiner for a PhD thesis from IIT Madras Member of DC committee for the following students in MIDS: Rahul Reghu, Andrew Michael, Firsha V., Srujana Boddu, Preetha V. Member of International Review Panel for Selecting Proposals for Funding -- Swiss National Science Foundation. Member of Steering Committee, Resilient Chennai (Under Rockefeller's 100 Resilient Cities Program). Member of Editorial Advisory Board, *Review of Urban Affairs, Economic and Political Weekly*. Member of International Advisory Committee for the Project RISE: Revitalising Informal Settlements and their Environments based in Melbourne, Australia. Supervised 7 interns from different institutions for internships of 1-3 months duration: 2 from Madras School of Social Work, 2 from IIT Madras, 1 from Loyola College, 1 from McGill University, 1 from Ambedkar University
	Served as paanelist for a Public Hearing on Evictions and Resettlement in Chennai Addressed a press meet on evictions and resettlement in Chennai Organised an Orientation on Workplace Sexual Harrassment at MIDS, 15 November 2018.

Name	Nature of Academic Activity
Kripa Ananthpur	Member of State Level Coordination Committee for Panel Studies, 2017-2019
	MIDS Representative on State Evaluation Advisory Board 2016-18
	Review of an article for *World Development,* 23 July 2017
	Review of article for *Review of Development and Change*, 16 August 2017
	Review of selected chapters of a proposed book on *Rural Development & Rural Governance in India*, Sage Publications, 4 November 2017
	Doctoral Committee Member (External) – PhD student from IIT
	Doctoral Committee member (External) – PhD student from Stella Maris College
	Doctoral Committee Member (Internal) – Two students from MIDS
C. Lakshmanan	Doctoral Committe Member:
	MIDS: G Elayaraja, Jagatheeshan
	Semmalar, IITM, Chennai
	R. Rajendranselvan, Dept. of History, Bharathidasan University, Trichy
	S. Vadivel, Ph.D. Scholar, Dept. of History, Bharathidasan University, Trichy
Shashanka Bhide	Member, State Evaluation Advisory Board, Department of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Government of Tamil Nadu
	Member, Executive Committee, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Government of Tamil Nadu
	Member, Board of Governors, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru.
	External examiner of Doctoral Theses for University of Delhi and University of Hyderabad.
	Member, Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project, Department of Rural Development, Government of Tamil Nadu
	Member, Advisory Committee, ICSSR Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad
	Member, Research Advisory Committee, National Institute for Agricultural Policy Research, New Delhi.

Name	Nature of Academic Activity
K. Sivasubramaniyan	Selection Committee Member (Saci/Waters) SAWA Phase II Fellows, Centre for Water Resources, Anna University, 27 November 2017
	Conducted Viva Exam, PG & Research Dept. of Economics Periyar E.V.R. College, Trichy, December 2017.
	Conducted Viva Exam for nine candidates for Master of Engineering Phase I, Centre for Water Resources, Department of Civil Engineering, Anna University, Chennai, 11 December 2017 and 7 June 2018.
	Guidance of Interns: Two B.A. Students from CMS College, Kottayam, and Marian College, Kuttikkanam, Kerala, May 2018.
	Reviewed for *Economic and Political Weekly*, 'Kudimaramath – Reviving Ancient Wisdom for Managing Water Bodies in Tamil Nadu', by Prof. S. Rajendran, Dept. of Economics, The Gandhigram Rural Institute, 1 August 2017.
	Reviewed three papers for the *Journal of Social and Economic Studies*, AN Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna.
	Reviewed for *EPW*, 'Payment for Ecosystem Services to Sustain Kudimaramath Institution, L. Venkatachalam and Kulbhushan Balooni', 6 September 2017
	Puthia Thalaimurai TV Presentation News Channel Programme on Rainwater Harvesting, Ways to Rainwater Harvesting on City Roads and Streets, Chennai, 5 July 2017.
	Panel Programme on Bullet Trains, Efficacy and Possibilities of Bullet Train in India, Kaveri TV, Chennai, 6 July 2017.
	Seithi Vimarsanam, Vadakilakku Paruvamalai (NE Monsoon): Neer Aadharam/Semippu (water source/ conservation), Doordarshan – Pothigai Tamil, 15 November 2017.
	Thanthi TV Panel Discussion on ninety minutes, *Aayutha Ezhuththu*, Direct Relay Ockhi Cyclone and the North East Monsoon in Southern part of Tamil Nadu, 13 December 2017.
	All-India Radio – Panel Discussion (Chennai) Central Budget 2018-19, Direct Broadcast, Prasar Bharati – All India Radio, February 1, 2018.
	Panel discussion on the SC Cauvery Water Final Verdict and Way Forward Doordarshan – Pothigai Tamil, Feb 25, 2017. (Velichcham SC Verdict on Cauvery Final Award https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TYLgFoPW0c&feature=youtu.be).
	Thanthi TV Panel Discussion on one-hour program, *Aayutha Ezhuththu*, Issues Relating to Supreme Court Verdict on Cauvery Water Sharing and Agitations by Social Groups in Tamil Nadu, on April 9, 2018.

Name	Nature of Academic Activity
M. Umanath	TV talk on "Food security and Nutritional food" in Doordharshan (Pothigai), December 6, 2017.
L. Venkatachalam	Member, Executive Committee, Indian Society for Ecological Economics, 2018-2020
	Co-chairman, Committee on 'Tamil Nadu MSME Survey Report Project', Entrepreneurship Development and Innovative Institute, Government of Tamil Nadu, 2017-18.
	Member, Advisory Committee, Agro-Economic Research Centre, University of Madras, 2017-18.
	Member, Doctoral Committee of Peddi Dayakar, PhD student at Madras School of Economics, Chennai.
	Member, Doctoral Committee of Rittu Susan Varkey, PhD Student at Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur.
	Member, Doctoral Committee of Sweety Thomas, PhD Student at Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur.
	Member, Doctoral Committee of Anushree S. Panikkassery, Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur.
	Member, Doctoral Committee of D. Chandrasekar, PhD Student at MIDS.
	Member, Doctoral Committee of Saravanan, PhD student at MIDS.
	Member, Doctoral Committee of Arun Bharathy, PhD student at MIDS
	Member, Doctoral Committee of Anviksha Drall, PhD student at Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Chennai
	Member, Programme Advisory Committee, Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust, Chennai, 2017-18.
	Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, from November 2017 till October 2020.
	Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, Annamalai University, 2018.
	Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, Madras Christian College, 2018.
	Reviewed a Research Report on Social Capital and Common Property Resources, ICSSR, New Delhi, 24 August 2017.
	Reviewed a Research Paper for *Anthropocene* Journal, submitted on 19 November 2017.

Name	Nature of Academic Activity
L. Venkatachalam	Reviewed a Research Proposal for the Centre for IC and SR, IIT Madras, submitted on 30 December 2017.
	Reviewed a research paper for *Sustainable Cities and Societies* journal, submitted on 18 February 2018.
	Reviewed two research papers for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.
	Reviewed the Textbook on Economics (+1 level) to be introduced in schools by GoTN.
	Evaluated a PhD thesis in Economics, Calicut University, Kerala, report submitted on 13 March 2018.
	Evaluated a PhD thesis in Mathematical Economics, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, report submitted on 26 March 2018.
	Reviewed a chapter for a book 'Scenarios and Models of Biodiversity and Eosystem Services' being brought about by CESS, Hyderabad, report submitted on 4 April 2018.
	Reviewed two research papers for *Water Policy* journal.
	External Examiner to conduct viva-voce examination for a PhD student at M S Swaminathan Foundation, Chennai, 25 April 2018.
	External Member to conduct viva-voce for 17 Masters' students at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumpudur, 7 May 2018.
	External Member, Interview Panel, Post-Doctoral Fellowship programme, HSS, IIT, Chennai, 9 May 2018.
	External Examiner to conduct viva-voce for a Ph.D Candidate at National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirapalli, 6 July 2017.
	External Examiner to conduct viva-voce examination for a Ph.D candidate at Department of Economics, Periyar University, Salem, 19 April 2018.
	Mentor for a Research Project on Entrepreneurial Skill Development sponsored by M&EA Trust (2017-18)
	Mentor for a Research Project on Industrial Pollution in Tiruppur sponsored by M&EA Trust (2017-18)
	Guided the project work of the following Master's students (January-May 2018)
	N. Padhmavathy, Madras School of Economics (Topic: Behavior of Urban Households in Relation to Flood Risk: A Case Study of House-Lifting Technology)

Name	Nature of Academic Activity
L. Venkatachalam	P. Komalavalli, Madras School of Economics (Topic: Household Behavior in the Private Water Market Operations in Chennai)
	Pawel Verma, Madras School of Economics (Topic: Experiments on Food Wastage)
	Susan Varsha Jacob, Madras School of Economics (Topic: Behavioral Economics and Public Policy)
	Ajitha Lakshmi G, Madras School of Economics (Topic: Behavioral Economics and Public Policy).
	Guided the following interns: Karthik, Undergraduate Student at London School of Economics.
	Sravani Chandrasekaran, Post-Graduate Student at Loyola College, Chennai.
	Sneha Varma, Post-graduate student at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
	Ranjit Kumar Sahu, Post-Graduate student at MSE, Chennai
	Mrinali, Undergraduate Student, Stella Mary's College, Chennai
	Participated in a debate on Increasing Income Inequality in Podhigai, telecast on 28 January, 2018.
	Participated in a discussion on water scarcity in Cauvery river basin, News 18 Channel, 9 February, 2018.
A.R. Venkatachalapathy	Advisor, Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy.
	Member, Executive Council, Central University of Tamilnadu, 2013.
	Member, Institutional Review Board, Fetal Care Research Centre, Chennai.
	Member, Curriculum Committee, Tamilnadu Text book Society.
M. Vijayabaskar	Conducted Viva Voce Examination for 3 Candidates- JNU, IIM Bangalore and IGIDR, Mumbai
	External Examiner for 4 Ph.D theses from the following institutions: Jawahar Lal Nehru University, N. Delhi (2), Indian Institute of Management Bangalore and Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok.
	External Examiner for one M. Phil Dissertation (Jawahar Lal Nehru University, N. Delhi.
	Refereed papers for the following journals: *Review of Development and Change* (2 papers), *Economic and Political Weekly* (EPW), *Journal of Agrarian Change* and Book Manuscript for Amsterdam University Press.

11. Research Projects

11.1. Projects Commenced Before 2017-18 and Ongoing

Project	Funding Agency	Project Director
Exhuming Humanist Alternatives – Re-centering Craft in Education and Beyond	ICSSR, New Delhi	S. Anandhi
Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey	Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (SPC) Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	Kripa Ananthpur and L. Venkatachalam
Structure, Functioning and Impact of Irrigation Institutions: The Case of Tank Irrigation in Tamil Nadu	ICSSR, New Delhi	K. Sivasubramaniyan
Social Theory and Asian Dialogue: India, China and the Planetary Conversations	ICSSR, New Delhi	Ananta Kumar Giri
Becoming a Young Farmer: Pathways of Young People into Farming	Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	M. Vijayabaskar
Towards a Relational Approach to Agency for Mapping Pathways into and Out of Poverty	Economic & Social Research Council and the UK's Department for International Development	Ajit Menon and M. Vijayabaskar
Boundary Spanning and Intermediation for Urban Regeneration: Comparative Case Studies from 3 Indian Cities	ICSSR-TISS	Karen Coelho

Project	Funding Agency	Project Director
Preparation of Village Development Plan - Participatory Tracking Methodology	State Planning Commission, GoTN	Kripa Ananthpur
Dalits and the Making of the Public Sphere in Colonial Tamilnadu: A Documentation of Tamilan, 1907–1914	ICSSR SC ST Component for 2016-17 (One time Grant - by MIDS)	A.R.Venkatachalapathy
Convergence, Integration and Focussed attention to Backward Districts – Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar – Preparation of District Development/Action Plan	State Planning Commission, GoTN	K. Sivasubramaniyan

11.2. Projects Commenced During 2017-18 and Ongoing

Project	Funding Agency	Project Director
Structural Transformation, Regional Disparity and Institutional Reforms in Agriculture	National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi	M. Umanath / L. Venkatachalam
Baseline Study of Impacts and Implications of Resettlement of Slum-Dwellers in Gudapakkam and Perumbakkam	ICSSR SC ST Component for 2016-17 & Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board	Karen Coelho
SIRUS – 2 : Swiss Indian Research Program on the Globalisation of the Indian Urban System	ICSSR, New Delhi	M. Vijayabaskar
Impact Evaluation Study in Respect of Rural Drinking Water Supply Project Assisted under RIDF	NABARD	K. Sivasubramaniyan
Mobility in the Peripheries: A Scoping Project	The University of Sheffield of Western Bank, Sheffield, UK	Karen Coelho

11.3. Projects Completed During 2017-18

Project	Funding Agency	Project Director
Cauvery Delta: Combating Climate Change Coastal Delta Wetlands and Livelihoods Resilience	ICSSR, New Delhi (Part of Research Grant (Plan) by ICSSR during 2012-13	M. Vijayabaskar and S. Janakarajan
Socio-Economic Status of Tribals in Tamil Nadu: A Study of Tribal Development Programmes in Post Liberalisation	ICSSR, New Delhi (Part of Research Grant (Plan) by ICSSR during 2012-13	C. Lakshmanan
Impact of New Growth Strategies on Small and Medium Farmers in Tamil Nadu	ICSSR, New Delhi (Part of Research Grant (Plan) by ICSSR during 2012-13	M. Vijayabaskar
Vulnerability, State and Social Protection in Tamil Nadu: A Life course Perspective	UNICEF	M. Vijayabaskar
Tamil Nadu Tribal Development Study	SPC, Tamil Nadu	K. Sivasubramaniyan
New Directions in Social Policy: Alternatives from and for the Global South	United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Switzerland	M. Vijayabaskar

11.4. Internally Funded Faculty Time Fund (FTF-50) Projects

Project	Funding Agency	Project Director
Unanimity and Democracy: Explaining Uncontested Local Elections in India	FTF-50	Kripa Ananthpur
Market-Based Instruments (MBIs) for Pollution Control: An Exploratory Study with reference to Textile Industry in Tiruppur	FTF-50	L. Venkatachalam

12. Seminars

12.1 Seminars by Visiting Scholars and Faculty

Date	Topic	Speaker
17 July 2017	A Conjectural History of Cultural Ideas on Women and Work in India	**Karen Pechilis** Distinguished Professor of Humanities, Drew University (New Jersey), and 2016-17 Fulbright-Nehru Senior Scholar
20 July 2017	Politics and Poetics in the Reign of Kulottunga Chola	**Whitney Cox** Chair, Department of South Asian Languages & Civilizations, University of Chicago
7 August 2017	The Great Inflation and the Federal Reserve's Implacable Opposition to Social Democracy	**Edwin Dickens** Chair and Professor of Economics and Finance, St. Peter's University (New Jersey)
11 August 2017	Global Food Security and Agricultural Trade and Domestic Support Policies	**Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan** Senior Specialist - Economics, McKinsey Global Institute Center for Economic Research
17 August 2017	Skills Training and Employment Outcomes in Rural Bihar	**Arjun S. Bedi** Professor of Development Economics, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, Rotterdam
27 September 2017	A Magic System?: Consumption and Print Advertising in Colonial Tamilnadu	**A.R. Venkatachalapathy** Professor, MIDS
31 October 2017	Reflections on the Objective Condition of a Few Development Programmes: Visuals from Tribal Study Field Work	**C. Lakshmanan** Associate Professor, MIDS
4 January 2018	Negotiating & Preserving Liminality: Voting Rights and Exiled Tibetans in India	**Sonika Gupta** Associate Professor, Global Politics & China Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Madras

Date	Topic	Speaker
24 January 2018	Transformed Institutions and Declining tank Irrigation	**K. Sivasubramaniyan** Associate Professor, MIDS
5 February 2018	From Bondage to Citizenship: Dalit and African American Mobilization in two Southern Deltas	**Narendra Subramanian** Professor of Political Science, McGill University, Canada, & Visiting Professor, Hertie School of Governance, Germany
2 March 2018	Financial Frictions and Monetary Policy Transmission in India	**Shesadri Banerjee** Assistant Professor, MIDS
20 March 2018	Kerala brides in Haryana: A Sending Region Perspective	**Sharada Srinivasan** Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Gender, Justice and Development University of Guelph, Canada
27 March 2018	Assessment of India's Fiscal and External Sector Vulnerability: A Balance Sheet Approach	**Krishanu Pradhan** Assistant Professor, MIDS
6 April 2018	Circles of Gender Liberation	**Ananta Kumar Giri** Professor, MIDS **Avanjali Satapathy** Independent Researcher, Chennai **Sushrisangita Mishra** Poet and Entrepreneur, Chennai
8 May 2018	Analysis of Farmers' Decision on Sugarcane Choice and Output Supply	**M. Umanath** Assistant Professor, MIDS
5 June 2018	Economic Impacts, Equity and Sustainability for a Drinking Water Services Improvement: The Case of Hubli-Dharwad	**Zachary Burt** U.S. Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Scholar, Columbia University, USA
28 June 2018	Talking the Political Culturally: *Kaala* Reel and Real	**S. Pralayan** Play Writer and Theatre Artist **Kavitha Muralidharan** Independent Journalist **Jeny Dolly** Direction Team, *Kaala* **Stalin Rajangam** Faculty, American College, Madurai

12.2 Abstract of Seminars by Visiting Scholars and Faculty

Karen Pechilis, *A Conjectural History of Cultural Ideas on Women and Work in India*, 17 July 2017

This presentation examines traditional cultural ideas on women and work as well as counter narratives that define and challenge definitions of work that is appropriate for women; opportunities for the participation of women in the paid work force; and public moralities concerning women and work. Historical examples are gleaned from classical texts; in the modern period, the focus is on middle class, urban women, including interviews with women in Chennai today on their experiences and perceptions of work. Towards uncovering shared transnational gender issues, the presentation offers some comparative insights from the U.S. and other global regions.

Whitney Cox, *Politics and Poetics in the Reign of Kulottunga Chola*, 20 July 2017

In this presentation, I will introduce one of the major themes of my recent book, *Politics, Kingship and Poetry in Medieval South India: Moonset on Sunrise Mountain* (Cambridge University Press, 2016): that the Chola empire confronts the historian with the workings of a complex political society. While this might seem like a self-evident claim, there is a lack of scholarly reflection which takes the politics of the non-modern non-West seriously, and many and varied claims that the political as such did not exist for a society like that of the Cholas. Here, I will present evidence surrounding the contested accession of the king who would ultimately rule as Kulottunga I (r. 1070-1120). Drawing from work in political theory and linguistic anthropology, I will offer a reconstruction of the politics of this event, focusing especially on the poetics and pragmatics of the meykkirtti eulogies that prefaced the inscriptional texts issued in the name of Kulottunga and his cousin and rival Adhirajendra (r. 1068-1071?).

Edwin Dickens, *The Great Inflation and the Federal Reserve's Implacable Opposition to Social Democracy*, 7 August 2017

In theory, heterodox economists have replaced the proposition that "inflation is caused by too much money chasing too few goods" with the proposition that "inflation is caused by class and inter-class conflicts." Unfortunately, largely due to a shortage of practitioners, we've made little progress in re-writing monetary history to reflect this shift in perspective. This paper attempts a step forward by re-writing the history of the origins of the Great Inflation (1966-79).

Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan, *Global Food Security and Agricultural Trade and Domestic Support Policies*, 11 August 2017

Reducing agricultural/food sector (AFS) import tariffs and other non-tariff barriers may have a negative impact on food prices and hence enhance food security with less or no costs to the governments. However, there is a lack of 'trust' on AFS imports despite food security challenges in developing countries; this is mainly on account of the income security of the farmers in developing countries. Many of the AFS exports from the developed countries are quite subsidized domestically (through production support). Although there have been attempts to remove or reduce non-Green Box subsidies, these 'under-priced' imports may flood the developing country markets, thereby displacing domestic farm output and hence affecting the income security of farmers. This discourages the developing country governments to 'trust' the imports. Therefore,

this question has several nuances ranging from tariffs and NTBs in developing countries and domestic support in developed countries. In this context, we employ the GTAP model to assess the nexus between trade policies that include both tariff, non-tariff barriers and domestic support, income security of farmers and food security across the world. While developing countries have high NTBs and tariffs, the developed countries have considerable domestic support payments in these sectors. We augment the model to include a food security index and its relationship with prices, using econometric analysis. Our results indicate that reduction of tariffs and NTBs is the most effective policy to improve global food security.

Arjun S. Bedi, *Skills Training and Employment Outcomes in Rural Bihar*, 17 August 2017

In a number of countries, youth unemployment is a pressing economic and political concern. In India, 54 per cent of the country's population of 1.21 billion is below the age of 25 and faces a high rate of (disguised) unemployment. To augment youth employment, the Government of India has launched a number of skills training programmes. This paper, jointly authored with Bhaskar Chakravorty, deals with participation in and the impact of one of these programmes (DDUJKY) located in rural Bihar, one of India's poorest states. The analysis is based on data collected in mid-2016 and compares training participants with non-participants who applied for the scheme but eventually did not attend. We find that the training programme squarely reaches the intended target group – rural poor youth. Initially, the programme leads to a 29 percentage point increase in the employment rate of the trained graduates. However, two to six months after the training, the employment effect of the programme drops to zero. A third of the placed graduates leave their jobs due to caste-based discrimination and another third leave due to a mismatch between the salaries offered and their living costs. The upshot is that while the training programme enhances job market prospects, other labor market factors undo the positive effects.

A.R. Venkatachalapathy, *A Magic System?: Consumption and Print Advertising in Colonial Tamilnadu*, 27 September 2017

One of the most striking aspects of the proliferation of print in colonial India is the ubiquity of advertisements. But the history of advertising in India remains to be written. This paper is a preliminary attempt to trace the history of print advertising in colonial south India in the context of an emerging public sphere, a fast-expanding culture of print, and the advancement of reprographic and reproductive print technology – all these playing out in the context of a colonial economy and increasing consumption. From rudimentary handbills to the sophisticated colour advertisements of the 1940s this paper provides an account of the early history of print advertisement based on scattered and tantalizing bits of information.

C. Lakshmanan, *Reflections on the Objective Condition of a few Development Programmes: Visuals from Tribal Study Field Work*, 31 October 2017

When it comes to development indicators, Tamil Nadu has achieved many distinctions compared to other states. However, in contrast, intra-state comparisons among rural-urban, landowning and landless, organized and unorganized workers, and the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes, and others, offer an altogether different understanding. In this context, understanding the conditions of the tribal people in Tamil Nadu, particularly after the 1990s, becomes important. How various development/ welfare programmes of the state impacted their lives? To what extent has the

various welfare policies and programmes reached them, in terms of access to education, health and employment and other aspects in everyday materiality? What are the objective conditions that exist on the ground? These are the pertinent questions that need to be answered in order to have a comprehensive perspective on the tribal development in the state. The proposed discussion will attempt to highlight major research findings of some of the development programmes of the state and present the existing objective conditions of the tribals. It is based on the extensive household field survey conducted across the Tamil Nadu, with supporting visuals from the field.

Sonika Gupta, *Negotiating & Preserving Liminality: Voting Rights and Exiled Tibetans in India*, 4 January 2018

The paper explores the location and production of liminality that characterizes the Tibetan community in India through an examination of the granting of voting rights to Tibetans by India's Election Commission. The study unpacks the impact of materially identifying Tibetans as voters in the Indian state on the discursive construction of Tibetan identity by mapping the responses of the members of the Tibetan community to this process. For the Tibetans in India, the granting of voting rights has created a peculiar political and bureaucratic space in which they are identified as voters, but not automatically recognized by the Indian state as citizens. On the other hand, the Dalai Lama's government in exile or the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) in Dharamsala claims all exiled Tibetan as their 'citizens' and provides them political participation through elections to the CTA. The paper argues that the granting of voting rights to Tibetans reflects the constraints of the territorialized, exclusive understanding of citizenship that highlights the gap between 'citizen' and 'person'. Citizenship as a top down state-led process of integration and empowerment is renegotiated here by concerns of the Tibetan community's politically conscious and dominant articulation of itself as refugees with rights of birth within the Indian state. This juxtaposition is located at the intersection of the settled international refugee law, that does not identify political participation in the host state as a right, and human rights law that entitles all human being to a right to political participation.

K. Sivasubramaniyan, *Transformed Institutions and Declining Tank Irrigation*, 24 January 2018

Institution is an organisation that has a particular purpose. All surface irrigation systems typically serve numerous users ranging from a few dozen farmers in small tanks to hundreds of thousands in large irrigation projects. In these cases, the scheduling of irrigation supplies between time and space is complex. This is where irrigation institutions come in. Wittfogel, K.A (1957) argued that hydraulic agriculture, which requires great cooperative effort for organising capital and labour to build dams and canals, leads to greater political integration and centralization. This theory has thrown doubt on its universal applicability. Hence a vast number of studies were conducted all over the world. The results of those studies ended up with a debatable issue whether, and to what extent, irrigation development contributes to centralization of the state. In this context, the present study deals with these types of issues in the management of tank irrigation system and to find out whether the expected results of increased productivity in the given system is achieved.

Narendra Subramanian, *From Bondage to Citizenship: Dalit and African American Mobilization in two Southern Deltas*, 5 February 2018

The talk will explore mobilization to reduce the deepest inequalities in the two largest

democracies, those along caste lines in India and along racial lines in the United States. These inequalities have proven durable although the groups at the bottom of these ethnic hierarchies, Dalits and African Americans, have had political rights for over half a century. The mobilization of these groups from the 1940s to the 1970s for full citizenship (the franchise, civil rights such as freedom from agrarian bondage, and social rights such as entitlements to higher incomes and education) is compared. The effects of mobilization on political representation and policy benefits are also considered. The experiences in two regions of historically high ethnic and class inequality (the Cauveri delta in India and the Mississippi delta in the US) are compared and placed in the context of the respective national trends. Taking certain similarities in demographic patterns, group boundaries, socio-economic relations, regime type, and enfranchisement timing as points of departure, I demonstrate that important differences in nationalist and civic discourse, social classification, and group identification influenced the two groups' mobilization, interethnic alliances, relationship to political parties, representation, and social rights. These factors helped Dalits build more favourable interethnic alliances, and made polity insiders and dominant elites more resistant to inclusion in the US and especially in the Deep South, including Mississippi. As a result, subordinate group representation increased and democracy was enhanced sooner in India and specifically in the Cauveri delta.

Shesadri Banerjee, *Financial Frictions and Monetary Policy Transmission in India*, 2 March 2018

One of the well-documented stylized facts on Indian macroeconomy is the weak and incomplete transmission of monetary policy. In view of the empirical evidence from literature, the paper examines whether the frictions of the bank-led credit market can explain such low pass-through of monetary transmission mechanism. It addresses the research question using a New Keynesian business cycle model with Indian-economy-specific features of liquidity-constrained population, competitive labour market and reserve requirements of the bank. It incorporates a variety of real and nominal shocks to the prototype economy in order to understand the propagation mechanism and quantify the variance decomposition of shocks. Combining the methods of calibration and estimation, the baseline parameterization is configured and validated with second order moments of the data. The model identifies the critical role of financial frictions in the transmission process, and explains the co-movements of interest rates, incomplete pass-through and adjustment mechanism of the real, nominal and financial variables for a positive interest rate shock.

Sharada Srinivasan, *Kerala Brides in Haryana: A Sending Region Perspective*, 20 March 2018

In a context accentuated by a long history of sex ratio imbalance and an imminent bride shortage, several men in the north-western state of Haryana are bringing non-Haryana brides from other states. Many women from the south Indian state of Kerala have migrated to marry Haryanvi men. With a surplus female population, it may seem obvious why Kerala would meet the demand for brides in daughter-deficit regions. Why would women from areas where they have a relatively higher status migrate to marry men in regions where women have lower status? Based on a survey of 68 cross-region brides' families and 25 interviews, this exploratory study (jointly with S. Irudaya Rajan, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala) offers insights into the conditions under which such marriages are arranged as well as the various ways in which women deal with patriarchal arrangements post-marriage.

Krishanu Pradhan, *Assessment of India's Fiscal and External Sector Vulnerability: A Balance Sheet Approach*, 27 March 2018

The paper is an attempt to assess India's fiscal and external sector vulnerability in the context of deterioration of major macroeconomic indicators in recent years. The Balance Sheet Approach developed mainly by the IMF studies is applied to analyse the episodes of major fiscal, financial and external sector payment crisis in developing countries since late 1990s to early 2000. The present work assesses the vulnerability in India's fiscal and external sector by descriptive and comparative analyses of relevant indicators, and developing a composite vulnerability index (CVI) consisting of the indicators under study. Fiscal or external sector vulnerability can also be assessed by the ease with which a government or a nation can finance its budgetary deficit or rollover of debt or the external sector funding needs. Method of financing and management of debt-related liabilities become important in this context. This may get reflected in currency composition, maturity pattern and ownership pattern of liabilities. The CVI score and favourable currency composition, maturity pattern and ownership pattern of liabilities largely helped India to reduce both fiscal and external sector liabilities significantly in recent years.

Ananta Kumar Giri, **Avanjali Satapathy** and **Sushrisangita Mishra**, *Circles of Gender Liberation*, 6 April 2018

Gender is an important fact and challenge of human existence and it calls for creative efforts in understanding its reality, constitution and liberative transformation as much of humankind suffers from varieties of structures, discourses and practices of gender domination which inhibit fuller self-realization and co-realization of constitutive beings of gender such as male, female and trans-genders. Gender identities have complex relationships to biology, societies, cultures and histories. In our workshop, we explore these issues of theory and practice and explore creative circles and movements of gender liberation with and beyond contemporary discourses of feminism and other emancipatory struggles such as Satyagraha.

M. Umanath, *Analysis of Farmers' Decision on Sugarcane Choice and Output Supply*, 8 May 2018

The present study aims to analyse how farmers are behaving in choosing sugarcane for cultivation and the amount of output supply with respect to changes in various socioeconomic and institutional factors at farm level. For the study, we have used the data collected by the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO) Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households pertaining to the year 2011-12 (70th round). Since the dataset has zero observations in the dependent variable, we have used Heckman Sample Selection model to avoid sample selection bias. The study found that increased prices of paddy and cotton, tenurial status, off-farm income and non-farm income generation are less likely to favour sugarcane farming, whereas Minimum Support Price, expenditure on fertilizers, labour and irrigation, larger farm size, increased years of age and education of farmers, larger household size, availing credit and extension contact have increased the probability of sugarcane farming.

Zachary Burt, *Economic Impacts, Equity and Sustainability for a Drinking Water Services Improvement: The Case of Hubli-Dharwad*, 5 June 2018

Zach will discuss his work estimating household impacts and user preferences for a piped-water, public-private-partnership, pilot project in Hubli-Dharwad, India. This research draws on data collected in the field, utilizing both quantitative and qualitative sources, and looks at the tension between resource management, net-benefits for households and equity of access in the context of a major utility service upgrade. The contrast between household perspectives and World Bank objectives will be used to explore the complex impacts of water management practices in a tier-2 Indian city.

S. Pralayan, **Kavitha Muralidharan**, **Jeny Dolly** and **Stalin Rajangam**, *Talking the Political Culturally: Kaala Reel and Real*, 28 June 2018

Film and politics in Tamil Nadu are not only organically interwoven but are also mutually reinforcing. Cinema is a powerful tool for politicizing the everyday politics: Kaala is one such high endeavour. The film is a courageous attempt in presenting everyday caste and development politics in the country and the state of Tamil Nadu. It presents a compelling argument for in-situ slum redevelopment. The film sets a new grammar for commercial cinema with an attempt to modify the dominant film aesthetics. The subtext of the narrative has many progressive ideologies. For instance, the film directly propagates the ideas of self-respect, democracy and land right. Actually, this is politics of real and reel in our midst. The main plot of the story revolves around urban land, slums and the poor who live in them, and their everyday struggles against the powerful forces.

12.3 Seminars by Students

Date	Name of the Student	Title of presentation
9 August 2017	Boddu Srujana	Urban Informal Labour Markets
	Muhammad Shafeeque	Measurements of Transaction Costs in Agriculture Sector: A Case Study of E-krishi Program in Kerala
	Titu Mahanta	Small Growers in Global and Large Domestic Value Chains: A Case Study of Tea Producers in Assam
	Anee Bhattacharyya	Structural and Everyday Discrimination against Transgenders in India
	Rituparna Borah	Locating the Role of Ecotourism in Natural Resource Management and Livelihood Systems in Northeast India
	Anjaly Baby	Saving Behaviour of Households in Urban Slums
	Andrew Michael	MGNREGS on Rural Development in Tamil Nadu and Kerala – A Comparative Study
	Pema Choden Bhutia	Estimating the Economic Value of Ecotourism Benefits: Travel Cost Method
	Rahul Reghu	The Contemporary Land Question in Kerala
	Muhammed Aslam	Conceptualizing Religious Conversion and Islamisation
10 August 2017	Sankara Pandi	An analysis of Socio-economic Structure of Industrial Clusters in Tamil Nadu
	Elayaraja	Rural Non-Agriculture Employment: A Comparative Study of District Level Analysis in Tamil Nadu, India
	V. Jegatheesan	Peri-Urban Development and Sustainability: The Case of Chennai City in Tamil Nadu
	Arun Bharathy	Rural Non-Farm Livelihood Diversification Strategies in a Transitional Economy: A Case study of Tamil Nadu
	Balamurugan S.	Economic Instruments for Environmental Management: Payment for Ecosystem Services and Water Resource Management

Date	Name of the Student	Title of presentation
10 August 2017	Bharathidasan	Recovering Outcaste History: A case Study of Arunthathiyars in Colonial Tamil Nadu(1850-1947)
	Suriya	Gender and Social Reforms: A Case Study of Self-Respect Marriages in Tamil Nadu (1926-1970).
	Firsha	Spirit Possession among Muslim Women in Kerala.
1 February 2018	Boddu Srujana	Mobility and Segmentation in Urban Informal Labour Markets: A Case of Hyderabad City
	Titu Mahanta	Small Tea Growers in Global and Domestic Value Chains: A Study of Tea Producers in Assam
	Anee Bhattacharyya	Structural, Everyday and Intersectional Discrimination of Transgender: A Study of Hijras in Assam
	Elayaraja	Rural Non-Agriculture Employment: A Comparative Study of District Level Analysis in Tamil Nadu, India
	Kokilavani	History of Propaganda Documentary Films in Colonial Tamil Nadu (1939 – 1945)
	Rahul Reghu	Discourses on Tribal Development in India: A Case Study of Vazhachal Forest Division in Kerala
	Muhammed Aslam	Relevance of Basel Mission Records in Studies on Malabar and Mappila Muslims
	Arun Bharathy	Rural Non-Farm Livelihood Diversification Strategies in a Transitional Economy: A Case Study of Tamil Nadu
19 February 2018	Muhammad Shafeeque	Measurement of Transaction Costs in Agriculture Sector: A Study on E-Krishi Program in Kerala
	Pema Choden Bhutia	Estimating the Recreational Value of Ecotourism Benefits

13. Visiting Scholars

13.1 Affiliates

Name & Address	Research Topic	Guide
Hari Ramesh Ph.D. Student Department of Political Science, Yale University, USA	Contestations of Democratic Rule	A. R. Venkatachalapathy
Karen Pechilis Drew University, New Jersey, USA	Women and Work in Urban South India Today	S. Anandhi
Miranda Sculthorp M.A. Student, School of Urban Planning, McGill University Canada		Karen Coelho

13.2 Visiting Fellows

Name	Research Topic
Chandrasekhar Mallampalli	Muslim Fundamentalism in South India: With Lessons from Colonial History
Krishna Kumar	Equality after RTE, Universal Schooling and the Post-Welfare State
Rohini Somanathan	Meritocracy in the Face of Group Inequality
Sonika Gupta	Indian, Tibetan Community Exploring Narratives of Citizenship and Democracy in Exile

13.3 Post-Doctoral Fellows

Name	Research Topic	Guide
Ghuncha Firdaus CLRI Staff Quarters Cehnnai 600 020	Urbanization and Migration: Role of Poverty in this Nexus	M. Vijayabaskar

14. Research Scholars

14.1 Full-time Scholars

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Muhammad Shafeeque Aliparambil	Measurement of Transaction Cost in Agricultural Sector	L. Venkatachalam
Boddu Srujana	Segmentation in Urban Informal Labour Markets	M. Vijayabaskar
Titu Mahanta	Globalisation and Small Tea Growers in the Indian Plantation Economy	M. Vijayabaskar
Anee Bhattacharyya	Structural and Everyday Discrimination Against Transgenders in India	Karen Coelho
Rituparna Borah	Ecotourism and Sustainable Development in India	Ajit Menon
Anjaly Baby	Poverty - A Behavioural Economics Approach	L. Venkatachalam
Firsha V	Spirit Possession among Muslim Women in Kerala	A.R. Venkatachalapathy
Pema Choden Bhutia	Ecotourism and Development with Special Reference to Sikkim	L. Venkatachalam
Rahul Reghu	Contemporary Land Question in Kerala	Ajit Menon
G. Elayaraja	A Study of Rural Non-Farm Employment in India with Special Reference to Tamil Nadu	K. Sivasubramaniyan

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Sankara Pandi K	Migration and Urbanisation: Its impact on People and their Socio-Eeconomic Mobility	K. Sivasubramaniyan
Arun Bharathy J	Rural Livelihood Diversification Strategies in a Transitional Economy: The Case Study of Tamil Nadu	M. Vijayabaskar
S. Balamurugan	Payment for Ecosystem Services for Wetlands Management	L. Venkatachalam
D. Chandrasekar	Dalits and Access to Common Property Resources	Ajit Menon
Safwan Amir	Ethnographic and Historical Study of the Ossan Community	A.R. Venkatachalapathy
G. *Surabhi*	*Contract Farming in South* India	*Ajit Menon*
R. Saravanakumar	Development Interventions in Indian Rainfed Agriculture: Analysis of Institutions and Processes	M. Vijayabaskar
Andrew Michael	Impact of MGNREGS on Rural Development	Kripa Ananthpur and John Sundar David, VIT University,Vellore
S. Suriya	Political Representation and Participation of Women - A Case Study of Contemporary Tamil Nadu	S. Anandhi
S. Kokilavani	Media and Politics of Visual Representation - A Case Study of Documentary Films in Tamil Nadu	A.R. Venkatachalapathy
R. Sethunath	Educational Policy Analysis - A Study of Kerala	Karen Coelho
K. Bharathidasan	Recovering Outcaste History : A Case Study of Arunthathiyars in Colonial Tamil Nadu	S. Anandhi

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
V. Suresh	Economic Analysis of Decentralisation in Tamil Nadu	L. Venkatachalam
K.V. Preetha	Dynamics and Politics of Environmental Clearance (EC) Process : An analysis of EC in Selected Developmental Projects in Tamil Nadu	Ajit Menon
Aparajay Kumar Singh	Distributional Analysis of Group Differentials Relating to Deprivation and Achievement	D Jayaraj
E. Deepa	Gender and Informal Sector - A Case Study on Women Domestic Workers in Chennai City	S. Anandhi
Nitha Nair	Gender Dimensions of Environmental Issues	Ajit Menon

14.2 Part-time Scholars

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
R. Manivasagan	Poverty and Nutrition - Applied Economics	D. Jayaraj
Abida Begum	History of Muslim Women Education in Colonial Tamil Nadu	S. Anandhi
V. Jegatheesan	Peri Urban Development and Sustainability: The Case of Chennai City in Tamil Nadu	K. Sivasubramaniyan
Muhammed Aslam E S	Social History of Mappilla Muslims	S. Anandhi
Bibhuti Bhusan Pradhan	Economic Analysis of Internal Migration - Labour Economics	M. Vijayabaskar

14.3 Non-stipendary

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
N.R. Somasekhara	Cost of Illness: A Study to Assess the Socio-Economic Burden and the Coping Strategies of Head and Neck Cancer Patients at Household Level and Health Policy Implications	L. Venkatachalam

14.4 Thesis Submitted

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Arivukkarasi	Structure and Transformation of Household Industries in Tamil Nadu with Special Reference to Silk Weaving	K. Nagaraj
A Bhavana	Special Economic Zones: Contributions and Controversies	G.S. Ganesh Prasad
Nirmal Roy	Political Economy of Land Use and Price	M. Vijayabaskar

14.5 Degree Awarded

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
B.S. Sumalatha	Commodity Future Markets under the Globalization Regime: A Study of Indian Political Economy of Land Use and Price	M. Vijayabaskar

15. Financial Statements

Consolidated Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2018

Sources of Funds		Note	Amount in Rs.
1.	Corpus Fund	1	31,69,37,072
2.	Current Liabilities		
	(i) Sundry Creditors	2	62,84,424
	(ii) MIDS General Endowment	3	74,85,020
	(iii) Other Current Liabilities	4	35,56,310
		TOTAL	**33,42,62,825**

Application of Funds		Note	Amount in Rs.
1.	Non-Current Assets		
	Fixed Assets		
	(i) Computer Assets	5	91,94,457
	(ii) Library Assets	6	3,97,07,944
	(iii) General Assets	7	95,59,289
2.	Current Assets	8	27,58,01,136
		TOTAL	**33,42,62,825**

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Consolidated Income and Expenditure A/c for the year ended 31st March 2018

Expenditure Rs. P.	Amount Rs. P.	Amount	Income	Amount Rs. P.	Amount Rs. P.
Note:9 Salary and Other Allowances			Note:11 Direct Income		
Salaries	4,18,85,605.03		Grant - ICSSR	2,82,00,000.00	
Fellowship	22,57,358.00		Grant - GOTN	1,93,00,000.00	
Project Staff Remuneration	52,13,840.00	4,93,56,803.03	Grant - ICSSR - Fellowship	14,16,275.22	
Note: 10 Other Admin. Expenses			Project Grants	1,52,96,560.00	6,42,12,835.22
Library	33,29,803.00		Note: 12 Other Income		
Research Programmes	23,69,831.87		Dedicated Funds	51,37,997.24	
Maintenance - Computer	11,53,742.67		SB Interest	17,37,008.94	
Research Publications	2,98,088.00		Interest on funds, FD		
Printing & Stationery	3,63,156.61		and bonds (excl. Accrual)	85,20,662.29	
Postage Telephone	1,18,479.77		Sale of discarded assets and		
Travelling Expense	11,93,064.02		old papers/news papers	80,441.00	
Campus Maintenance	34,07,637.35		Other income	24,30,848.01	1,79,06,957.48
Vehicle Maintenance	1,54,374.51				
Other Admn. Expenses	67,72,310.63				
Research Project Expenses	39,42,653.14				
Non Recurring Expenses	7,35,963.00				
Plough back Interest	18,09,471.00	2,56,48,575.57			
Excess of Income over Expenditure		71,14,414.10			
TOTAL		**8,21,19,792.70**	**TOTAL**		**8,21,19,792.70**

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